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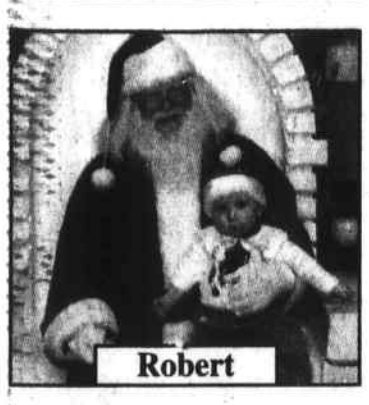
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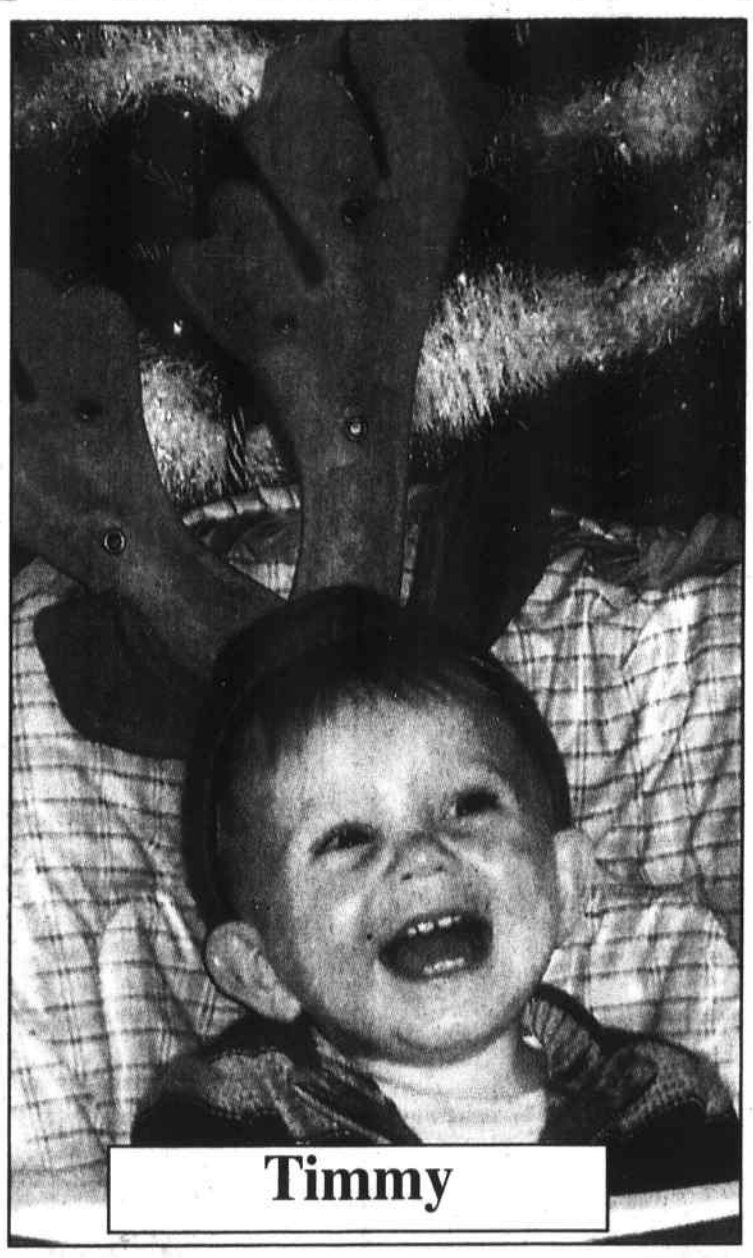
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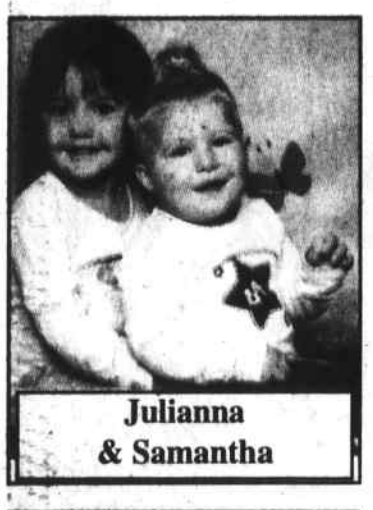
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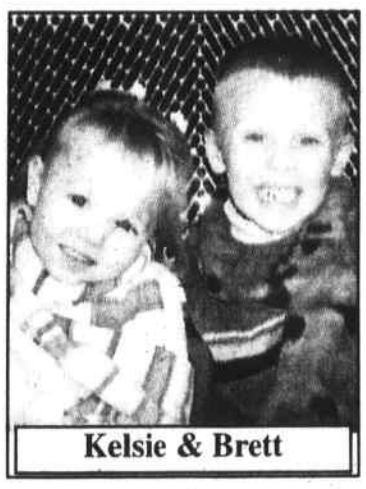
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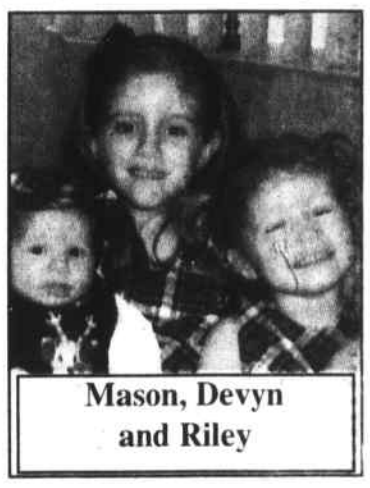
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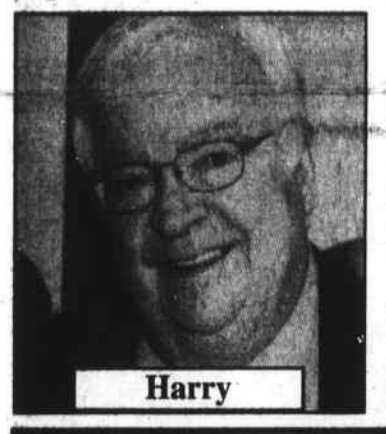
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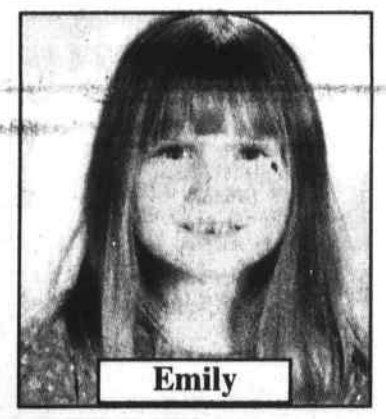
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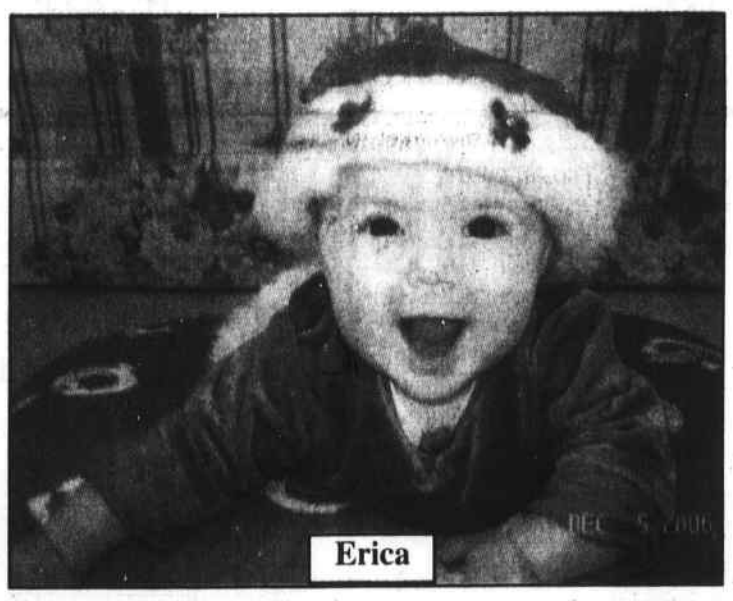
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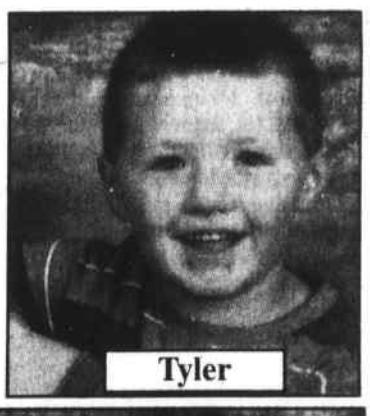
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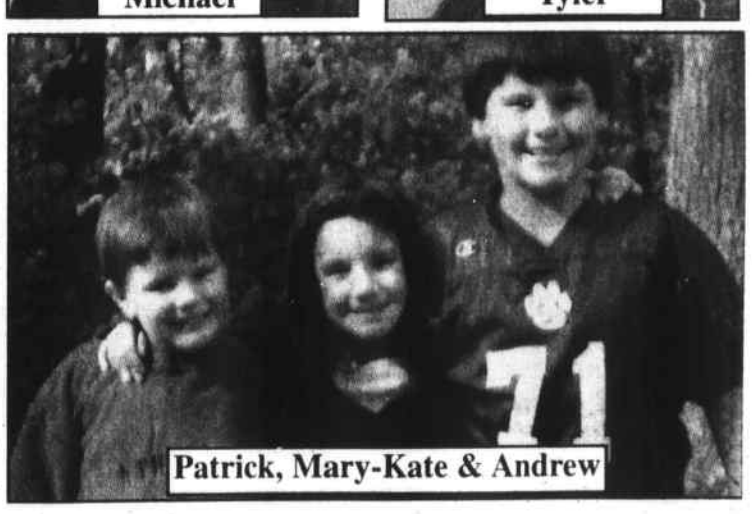
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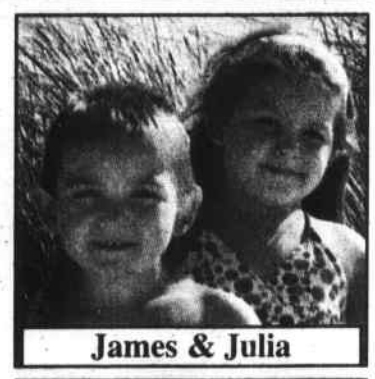
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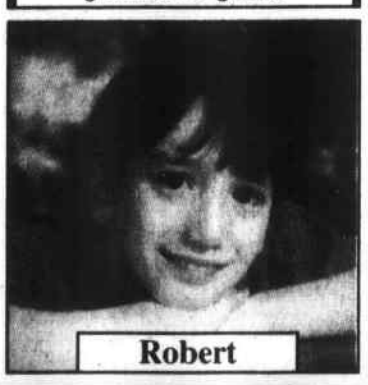
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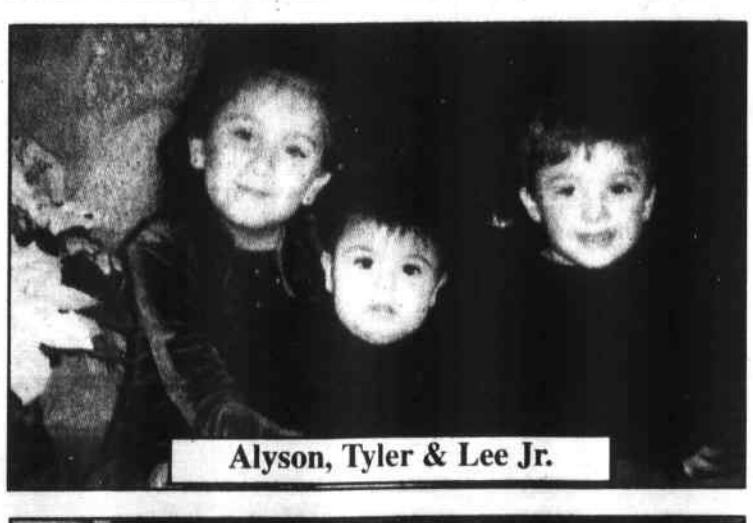
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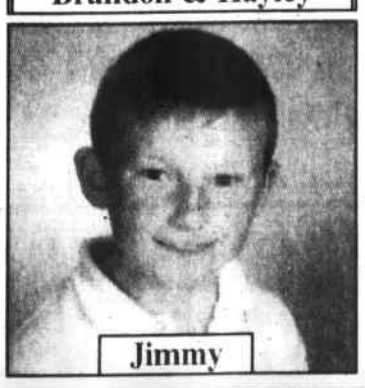
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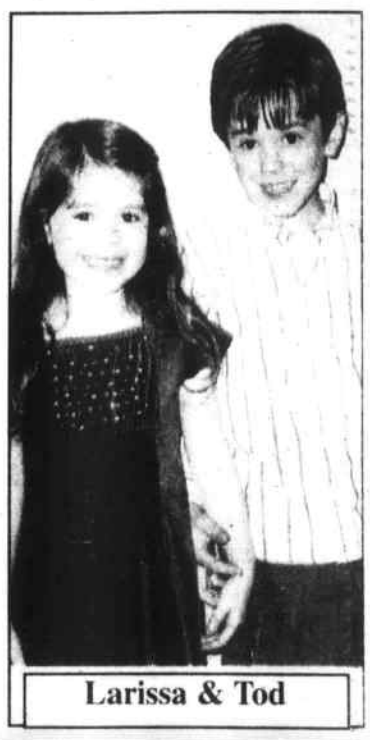
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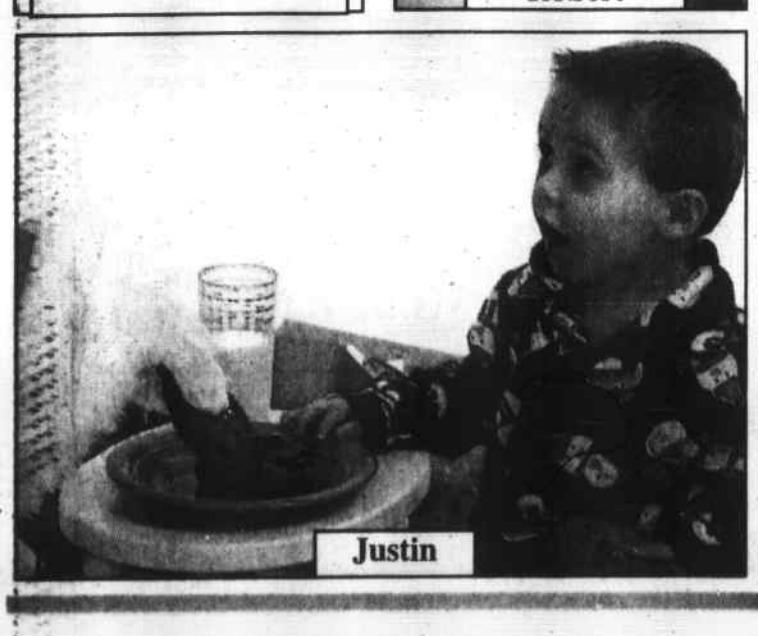
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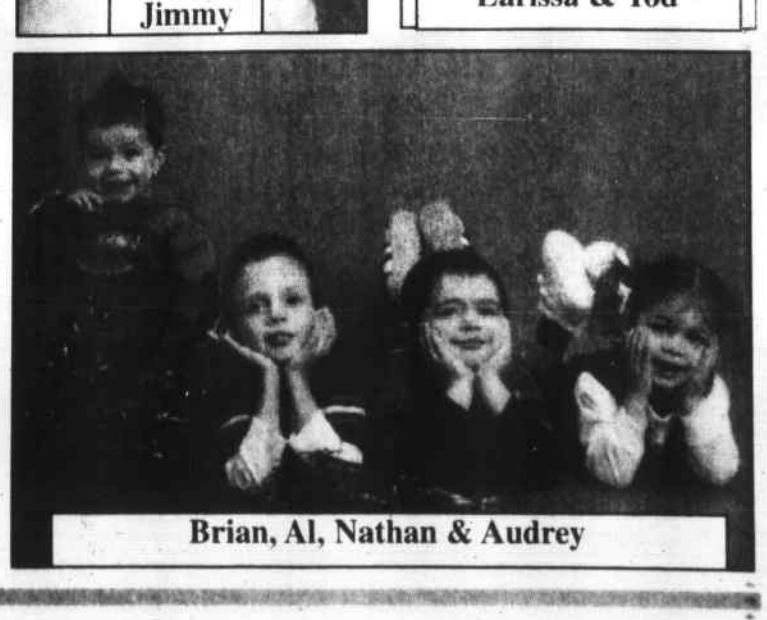
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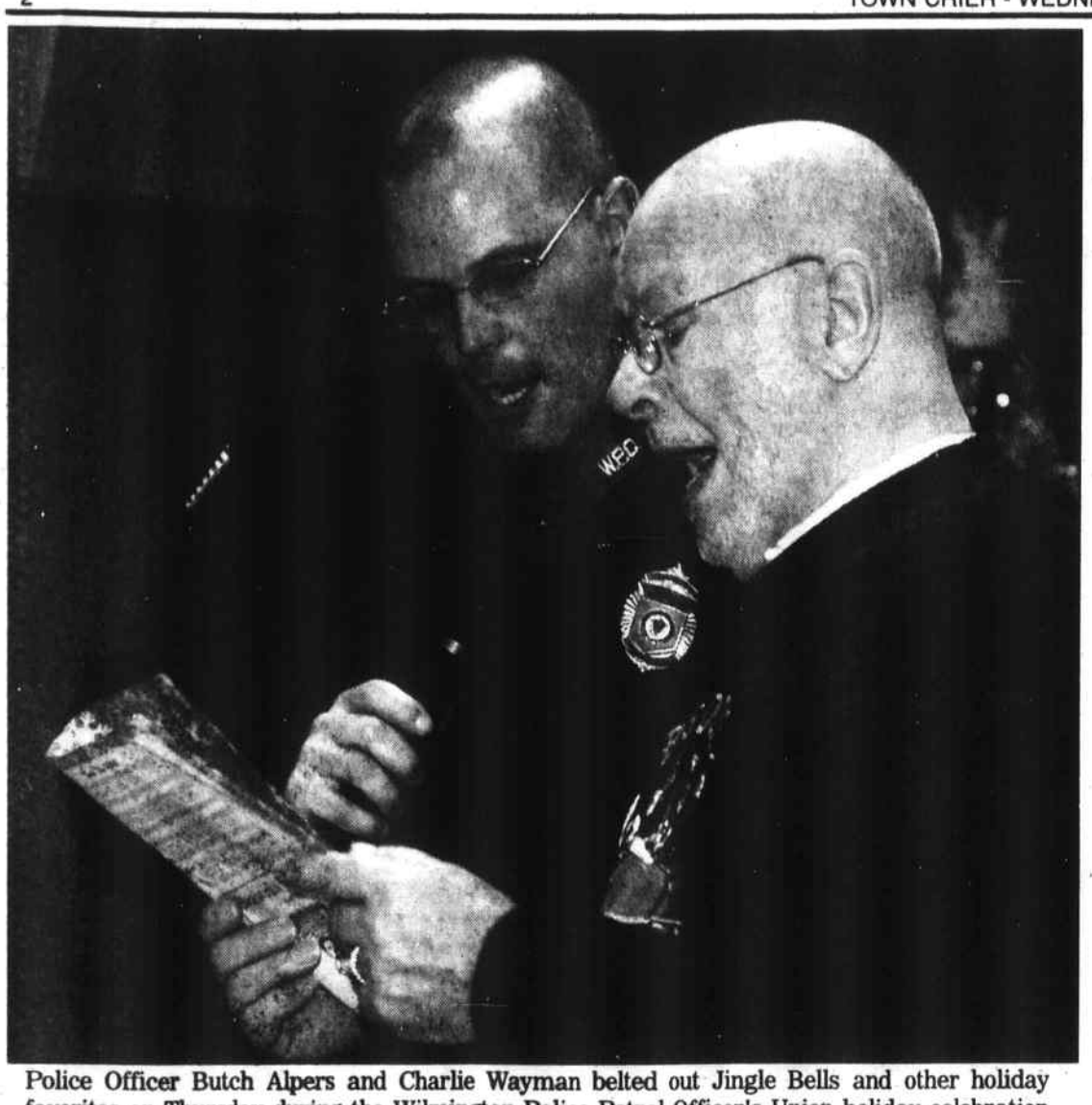

Police Officer Butch Alpers and Charlie Wayman belted out Jingle Bells and other holiday favorites on Thursday during the Wilmington Police Patrol Officer's Union holiday celebration for the seniors at the Buzzell Senior Center. Photo by Maureen Lamoureux

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It's Your Money

by Joyce Brisbois

KEEPING RECORDS

What should you keep? What can you throw away? At least once a year, go through your paperwork and thin it out. If you don't own a shredder, invest in one for privacy and identity protection.

Once your monthly bank statements list ATM transactions and credit-card purchases, you can ditch those little slips you've been holding onto (unless you've charged business expenses you're going to deduct). Toss utility bills when payment is noted on the next ones. Tax documentation should be saved for three years after filing, six years if you own a business—but not forever.

Do save any statements that show the date and purchase price of a stock or mutual fund so you can match it with the sale information. Keep year-end statements, too, that indicate how much you have reinvested.

Start recording any sales tax you pay, especially for big-ticket items. It may offer a better deduction than state income tax.

Questions about tax records? We've got the answers you need at:

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Old School Freight Train at the Linden Tree Coffeehouse

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse in its 22nd season announces its popular Bluegrass Bash on Saturday, January 6th, featuring Old School Freight Train. This new band based in Charlottesville, VA, was just formed in 2000, and already has gained national recognition touring the country and winning awards at the prestigious Telluride Bluegrass and Rockygrass Bluegrass contests.

Blending jazz, Latin, Celtic, bluegrass and pop, Old School Freight Train creates electrifying acoustic music. Their sound is compelling. Mandolinist Pete Frostic was still in college when the band was founded. Lead vocalist and guitarist Jesse Harper soon joined the band along with bassist Darrell Muller. Nate Leath from North Carolina and Berklee School of Music graduate brought his poetic fiddling to add just the right sound the band needed to round out their style, a great blending of traditional and modern styles.

Soon after releasing their first self-titled recording in 2002, the Independent Music Awards picked up on their sound and chose them as finalists for the best bluegrass album of the year. Mandolin master David Grisman views the group as "an emerging force to reckon with in today's acoustic music." He invited the band to his studio in California and helped produce their CD called RUN. This features ten originals and two cover tunes, one an outrageous acoustic version of Stevie Wonder's "Superstition." Old School Freight Train offers a unique musical experience of superior quality, raising the bar in acoustic music. Old School Freight Train is THE new band to watch, one with newgrass ingenuity. www.osft.net

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse is located in the social hall of the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 326 Main Street, downtown Wakefield. Tickets are $15, thanks to partial support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Wakefield chapter. Doors open at 7:30 with the show beginning at 8 pm. Reservations and information for Linden Tree Coffeehouse is on the website www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org or calling 781-246-2836.

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Judge gives Crystal Commons the greenlight

Appeal dismissed on all counts in summary judgement

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - The affordable housing proposal known as Crystal Commons got the go-ahead from a Superior Court judge last week. The proposed 108-unit condominium development, slated for construction at the former Diamond Crystal manufacturing plant at 10 Burlington Avenue, had received a majority approval from Wilmington's Board of Appeals (BOA) in April of this year. A lawsuit filed in May on behalf of Burlington Avenue resident Neil Devins and State Representative James Miceli put a halt to the project by seeking judicial review of the BOA's approval.

Among other things, the lawsuit claimed that Devins and Miceli Miceli are aggrieved by the BOA's decision and that the BOA exceeded its authority in approving the Crystal Commons proposal.

Superior Court Justice H.J. Smith, Jr. dismissed all of Devins' and Miceli's claims in a summary judgment issued on December 13th. Additionally, Devins and Miceli have been ordered to pay for legal costs incurred by the defendants as a result of the action.

"Devins opposes the project because he does not want to have 'to deal with' what he claims to be '350 new neighbors...who are permanent and don't leave,'" Justice Smith wrote in his discussion of the background of the case. "In addition, Devins claims the project would 'severely worsen' the existing traffic congestion problems, though he admits he had done no formal analysis with respect to the issue."

Smith found that Devins and Miceli offered no credible evidence to support their claims that the project would increase traffic and population density to unsafe levels.

"10 Burlington proffered the Traffic Study and the Abend Associates Peer Review Analysis, both of which state the project would not generate a significant amount of new traffic in the area," Smith wrote in his decision. "Neither Devins nor Miceli responded with any evidence or expert testimony to counter these findings."

The plaintiffs' claim that pedestrian safety would be reduced as a result of the project was likewise dismissed. Smith notes that the BOA specifically conditioned its approval of the project on the developer's constructing a pedestrian walkway running from the project site underneath Route 62 to the MBTA station. Such a walkway would eliminate the need for pedestrians to cross the street in front of the project.

"Devins concedes that this walkway would be an improvement in terms of access over what is in place now, and admits it would be beneficial for the pedestrians crossing the street," Smith wrote.

The plaintiffs claimed that the completed development would result in a detrimental effect on the water pressure in the general area, but Smith did not find that they had made their case in that respect either.

"Devins has admitted that he does not know whether the project, constructed as per the Board's conditions, would result in a decrease of water pressure to the surrounding neighborhood. Further, Devins conceded that the piping alternatives specified by the Board may actually increase the water pressure to the vicinity, thereby benefiting the neighborhood," Smith wrote. "Neither Devins nor Miceli had consulted or presented any expert to testify regarding water pressure issues."

In order to have standing to appeal the Board's approval, Devins and Miceli must establish that they are "persons aggrieved." In order to qualify as such, a plaintiff must demonstrate that they have, or likely will, "suffer violation of a private right, a private property interest, or a private legal interest." Plaintiffs may not claim individual aggrievement based on effects shared by the

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Shawsheen Elementary second graders performed a holiday concert Friday. Samantha MacDougall, Griffen Blanch, Conor Eckelkamp and Melanie Fraser wore red noses as they sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Photo by Maureen Lamoureux

New Year's resolution with a worldwide focus

Wilmington couple to spend a full year performing mission work around the globe

By ROBERT FIGUCIA

WILMINGTON - This New Year's Eve - while you are watching the ball drop, sipping champagne, or making resolutions for the year ahead - Wilmington's Scott and Linnea Molgard will be leaving for a life-changing yearlong journey to the far corners of the world. This is part of a program called The World Race. The World Race is a take-off of the Amazing Race TV show, where teams race against each other from country to country. With The World Race, however, the participants stay for about a month in each location, working as missionaries.

The 2007 World Race involves ten teams racing between 10 countries in 11 months, ministering hope as they go. Scott and Linnea will travel to Matamoros, Mexico on December 31st to begin a month of training. Afterwards, the Molgards will journey to Nicaragua, Peru, Argentina, South Africa, Malawi, Uganda, India, Southeast Asia and China. In each country, they will join local Adventures in Missions' ministry partners to perform a variety of services - working in orphanages or AIDS hospices, responding to natural disasters, planting churches - whatever the needs of the area happen to be.

The ten teams of 5 to 6 people will race against each other on minimal funds as they go overland to their next destination, making the race portion an act of faith. It shows the world that with very little resources you can do amazing things. Teams are not competing for cash or prizes. In fact, individuals pay for the opportunity to take this epic pilgrimage and minister to the poorest of the poor. In the midst of sorrow and pain they will gain new life experiences.

Rather than catering to the expectations of Americans to have a comfortable mission experience, The World Race gives individuals in their 20's and 30's an opportunity to take a year of their lives to minister like Jesus did while traveling around the world. They live in

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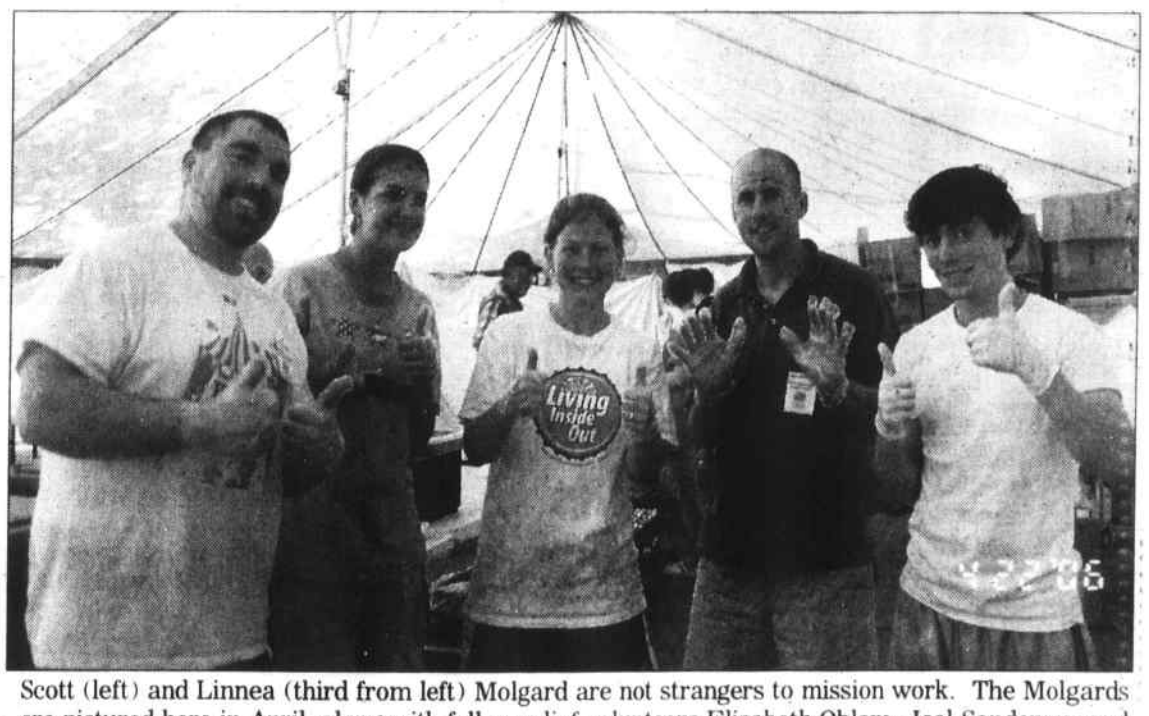
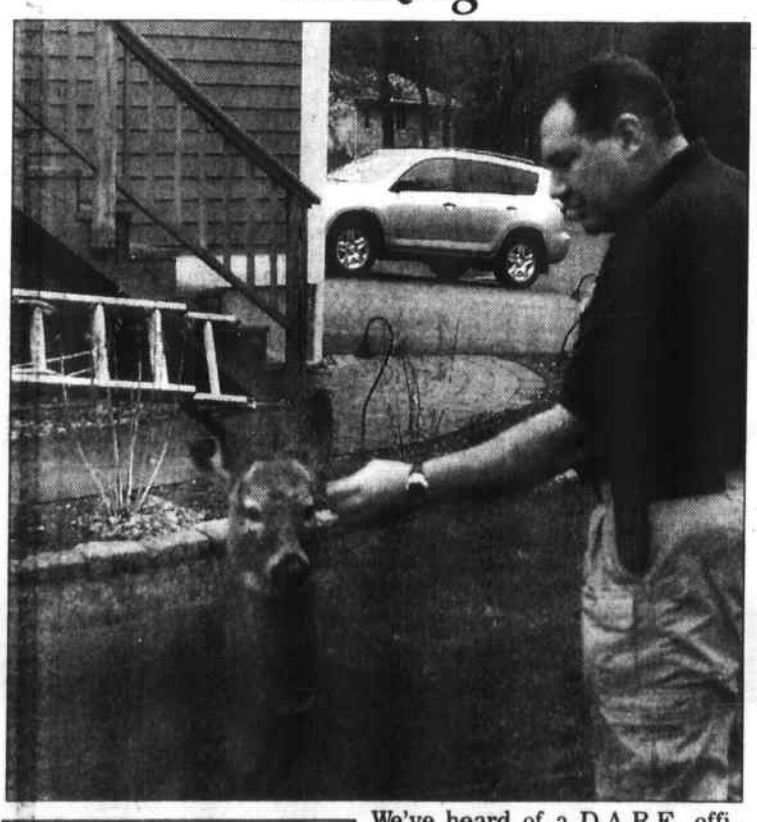


Scott (left) and Linnea (third from left) Molgard are not strangers to mission work. The Molgards are pictured here in April, along with fellow relief volunteers Elizabeth Oblom, Joel Sanderson and Nathan Clapp, doing their share following the destruction of Katrina in New Orleans. In January 2007, the Wilmington couple will be embarking on a year-long mission Courtesy photo

Amazing



We've heard of a D.A.R.E. officer, but a D.E.E.R. officer? Even the local deer trust Officer Chip Bruce (1999's Wilmington Good Guy). Chip's right hand is not visible in the photo, so it is possible that he's holding a 9 millimeter and that the deer is being petted under duress.

Photo by Matt Langone

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A look back at a typical Wilmington Christmas of yesteryear...

The Ghost of Christmas Past

By LARZ F. NEILSON

WILMINGTON - Christmas traditions vary from one family to another. In our family, there were two very different ways of celebrating Christmas. My father's side, with their Danish and Swedish heritage, tended to have a bigger celebration than my mother's family. My mother's family, the Nortons, would celebrate Christmas more quietly.

My aunt, Sylvia Neilson wrote a family history, which told of Christmas in the Neilson household of 90 years ago. She wrote:

"For that is just what the family did on Christmas Eve, dance around the Christmas tree alight with many candles and bedecked with paper flags of many nations. The old Danish Christmas song, Nu Er Det Jul Igen was never sung more enthusiastically or more discordantly.

"Christmas trees, by the way, were not too common in those days (1920), at least not in a small New England town replete with Puritan traditions. Scandinavians, when they settled in New England, were horrified at the sober celebration of Christmas in these parts.

"Caroline Neilson did her best to preserve an old Swedish custom of Christmas Eve. She would serve Lut Fisk (cod aged in a solution of lime and soda). The kids didn't take to this tradition. More agreeable was the rice pudding in which one almond was hidden. Whoever got the almond in his serving would get married the following year.

Pete Neilson added his own concoction to the Christmas celebration. Every year, he would make a bowl of Gløgg, a traditional Swedish Christmas drink comprised of various alcoholic beverages poured over a mixture of dried fruits. The mixture, with cinnamon sticks added, was left to stand for three to four weeks or so before imbibing took place."

A photo sent to me by my second cousin Dan Carter brought back memories of the Christmas party at Eddie and Mildred Neilson's. The picture is of a great many Neilsons singing Christmas carols.

Eddie was my father's first-cousin, and he had five brothers and sisters. By the time you include spouses, cousins and children, the party was quite large. My mother would refer to my father having "cousins by the dozens."

The tradition began at the Elms, which Eddie's parents, "Pop" and Stine Neilson bought in 1907. They ran a summer boarding house for about 15 years. And their Christmas parties were said to have been something special.

Eddie married Mildred Buck and they built a house near the Elms. Eventually, the party moved from the Elms to Eddie and Mildred's house.

The party was a decades-old tradition by the time my brothers and I came on the scene. We would get dressed up, and bundle into the car and head for Glen Road. Of course, there would be lots of food, fun and singing. There would be a great many people, and the memories of those parties are still a wonderful bond among cousins.

The decorations at Eddie and Mildred's were always exquisite. The Christmas tree would be in the basement playroom. There was a small pass-through door for access to the firewood pile, and that door made the basement a fascinating place for youngsters to explore.

Those parties ended in the mid-1950s when Eddie became ill.

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OPINION

Letters to the editor

'Twas the Night Before...

(with apologies to Clement Moore)

Twas the night before Christmas and all through our town,
Not a resident was stirring, all had settled down;
Seated in their chairs for Monday Night lite,
They tried to stay awake with all their might.

Then all at once they heard such a clatter.
They awoke from a nap to see what was the matter.
And what to their wondering eyes should appear?
Another debate over legal fees became unclear.

A wink of the eye and a twist of the head,
And Chairman Ray knew he had something to dread.
More rapid than eagles the questions they flew.
Those of us watching thought we had déjà vu.

And then in a twinkling, we heard the debate.
With shifting and pausing, it soon grew late.
Were the legal fees too high or too low?
Watching this show, who is to know.

Was it off the record or not?
Was it only advice that was sought?
Did this one or that one make a call?
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.

And I heard someone exclaim as he faded from sight...
"Live from Wilmington, it's Monday Night."

George R. Allan
Wilmington

Christmas Beauty

Beauty surrounds me as Christmas draws near
Much gold and bright glitter appear everywhere
Lights sparkle and glow in the still of the night
As shoppers seek gifts that will thrill and delight.

The malls are so busy, the traffic so wild
While parents seek gifts for each good little child.
The season is hectic, with no time to waste
The world is all wrapped up with buying in haste.

Beauty surrounds me as Christmas draws near
As I drink in that beauty, I shed one lone tear.
That tear is for soldiers who are so far from here
No beauty surrounds them, just bombs and much fear.

Comfy and warm by my own fireplace
I picture those soldiers and the look on each face.
I pray they stay safe and escape all those harms
And return home to us with both legs and both arms.

Beauty surrounds me as Christmas draws near
Still I live with the knowledge of strife and of f ear.
Those women and men sworn to keep our land free
Risk their lives to protect us and preserve liberty.

One more tear trickles down for their families, too
Who miss those brave hearts and are feeling quite blue.
I somehow feel sad with my family around
Knowing that soldiers are on dangerous ground.

Beauty surrounds me as Christmas draws near
I thank God for the blessings in life I hold dear.
Family and friends are so precious to me
To hear, and to hold, to talk, and to see.

Now my tears they fall freely for so many brave
As I think of those soldiers who are now in a grave.
They fought all those battles on far distant land
For reasons that some people can't understand.

Beauty surrounds me as Christmas draws near
With my heart full of love, I still shed a tear
I pray, oh I pray, for the end of this strife
I can't bear to hear of the loss of one life.

When I light up my tree, I wish as it lights
That our soldiers survive in those battles and fights.
I wonder how many are wishing the same
If peace is the one common goal that's their aim.

Beauty surrounds me as Christmas draws near
The beauty of loved ones that are very dear.
Both near and quite far, they remain in my heart
With love, you can never quite be far apart.

So, I wish you all love as this Christmas draws near
And the hope that this season will not bring a tear.
For your happiness, joy, and success I will pray
With peace, hope, and love as you live day to day!

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Fortnight in Review

by Jayne W. Miller

What I like best about Christmas, I have to say, is not the cheer, the joy, the vacuous look on shopper's faces. Oh no. For me, the true merriment of the season is all about a cutthroat Yankee Swap.

Cutthroat how, you may ask. Good question. For a swap to be "Yankee" it must also be cutthroat. You might say 'Pirate Swap', but that would be just rude. Indeed, stalwart Yankees know that the best swaps turn even the most serene women and the most gentlemanly of fellows into capricious gift-stealing fools. The little niceties of life, politeness, consideration, have little place in a proper Yankee Swap. If you want to be nice, call it a California Swap, some left-coast feel-good swap is fine, just don't call it Yankee.

With that introduction, let's review the rules for proper swappage.

Most of you are familiar with the format. Each person brings a gift and places it in a central setting (under the tree, on a table, around the hot tub, etc). Each person then selects a number from a hat. The person with a 1 chooses a gift first. The person with number two can either take the first person's gift or choose a new gift from under the tree.

Note, here lays the first distinction of a Yankee swap: the second swapper cannot open a new gift and then opt to trade it in. NOPE. Number 2 either takes from number one, thereby allowing number one to choose a new gift, or 2 picks a new gift, which he may or may not be happily stuck with. Any swap that allows number 2 to open a gift first, before deciding whether or not to swap, is a Mid-Western swap, known for its manners (which, again, have no place in a Yankee Swap).

The unwrapping/swapping/etc continues until the last person has chosen the last gift. THEN, number 1 gets the option to swap with anyone else. Number 1 gets the last say, any other way, frankly could be Un-American. Just so you know.

However, I have recently learned of two new swap methodologies that improve the richness of the experience.

Method 1: Mix up the numbers. So, number 1 doesn't go first, he goes 5th maybe. Number 3 goes last, possibly. Just make two sets of numbers, one for guests to choose from and one for the host to use to determine order. Same rules apply though: the second and subsequent swappers can either take someone else's gift or open a new one. Not both.

Method 2: This version is a little demented, and being where it is from Maine (where I grew up), naturally I'm partial. My friend's grandmother has employed the TWO DECK method and frankly, its genius.

Here goes:

The host (in this case, my friend's grandma) uses two decks of cards. One deck is for guests - each guest chooses an equal number of cards. For example, 52 cards divided by 15 players means each player gets three cards and the remaining 7 cards are removed from the other deck. Then the host uses the second deck to choose the cards (after the shuffle) one by one. Each person gets three chances to find a gift and steal it back. Thus, your swap lasts a little longer and people get a little nastier. What could make for a more perfect holiday get together?

Finally, I'd like to share a little tidbit to make the kiddies evenings bright on Christmas Eve, if the sugar rush hasn't already glazed them over. If you have a computer and internet connection, make sure on Christmas Eve your family logs onto the NORAD Santa website.

For more than 50 years NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, has tracked Santa leaving the North Pole every Christmas Eve. You can watch his trek around the world through the combination of 47 high power radar installations over the North American border called the North Warning System, along with Santa Cams (cameras set up around the continent and only switched on Christmas Eve to track the jolly fellow), satellites and jet fighters. Best of all, it helps to know when Santa is getting near your neighborhood so that the kids can get into bed before he arrives. Check it out: www.noradsanta.org

May your Christmas be Merry and Bright and full of the joy and hope of the season!

Jayne, a native of Maine currently residing in Tewksbury, welcomes email from former residents of the Penal Colony at jaynewmiller@comcast.net.

Letters to the editor

From Santa to the children of Wilmington

Dear Editor:

I wanted to let your readers know that for the thirty-fourth year, I was invited by the Recreation Department to spend an evening with the children of Wilmington. Debbie, Linda and Karen had an area in the Recreation Office decorated and set aside for me to welcome children, read their lists and see just how much they have changed since last year!

Matt Kane was on hand to capture my visit on film so that children left with a picture of the two of us to remember the event. Robin, Samantha, and Jen were there to welcome the children and hand out treats to all.

I would like to thank Matthew, Alyssa, Maggie, Jake, Theresa, Kirk, Marissa, Alexis, Rose, Jill, Rose, Rita, Danielle, Jenny, Braeden, Jimmy, Jesse, Samantha, Brendan, Bobby, Brady, Kyle, Ella, Danielle, Tommy, Colleen, Olivia, Coleman, Seamus, Danny, Molly, Katelyn, Tirza, Samantha, Sarah, Alicia, Leah, Felicity, Benjamin, Ruthie, Andrew, Robert, Thomas, Michael, Matthew, Kylie Rose, Conor, Eamon, Maeve, Lynn, Nicole, Atley, Layne, Dylan, Michael, Sara, DJ, Woody, Emily, Sara, Samantha, Nicholas, Danielle, Olivia, Christopher, Brendan, Shauna, Dwight, Michael, Nicolas, Kyle, and Kourtney for setting aside time to visit with me. I took the card you signed for me back to the North Pole and will share your good wishes with Mrs. Claus.

I will be back in Wilmington in a few days. I look forward to visiting with you again next year.

Merry Christmas to all!

Santa Claus

An opportunity to support PAUL'S PALS

Hello Everyone. My name is Megan Grenier and I work at Uno's Chicago Grill in Woburn. I grew up with a sweetheart named Paul Brooks. At the young age of 19 he was diagnosed with leukemia. He battled for four long years, but unfortunately he succumbed to the disease the day before Thanksgiving. If that wasn't bad enough the life insurance policy the family had for him was not in effect long enough for the company to pay for the expenses. I'm asking everyone to please take the time to come down to Uno' s on Thursday December 21st, to support the fundraiser for his family. Please join us to eat, drink and be merry this holiday season. This also applies to take out orders. Just tell your server you're in support of the fundraiser when you arrive or as you place your order over the phone. Uno's will be donating up to 20% off all checks that are in support of the fundraiser to PAUL'S PALS which is the non-profit organization for the Brooks' family. Please note that you must bring the "fundraiser coupon" with you to the event, or ask for a copy when you arrive. You will be greeted by the friendliest staff and dine in a warm inviting atmosphere. Please come and show your support for the Brooks' family and let us all aid them in healing at this tragic time. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 21st and I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for your time and continued devotion to help those in need especially during this holiday season.

Any Questions regarding this event please call Uno's at 1-781-937-6016.

An Op Ed Piece

Holidays and Grandma's Love

By guest columnist Nehali Neogi of Wilmington

While waiting at the cash register at Walmart, my mind started to wander as I saw this lady in front of me checking out a lot of toys. One toy that caught my attention was a Xylophone. It seemed like a classic grandma kind of toy to buy. The lady looked back at me and said "Yes - I'm spoiling my grandson!" A sad thought ran through my mind - I miss having a Lincoln Logs buying, gingerbread cookie baking grandma close by for my children.

The months of November and December being heavy on traditions, holidays and family it poses a different parenting challenge for me as I struggle through raising my children in a country I did not grow up in. During the Thanksgiving time, I struggled through explaining my eight year old the difference between American Indians and Indian Americans. Holidays brings back memories of all the loved ones that I left behind to pursue my American Dream. It is an unsettling reminder of my children growing up not knowing their grandparents, their roots and traditions. "What are our family traditions?" my daughter asked as she struggled to complete a family tradition homework. I had a lump in my throat. "What is so "Christmasy" about the gingerbread boy?" my son asked. I had google to my rescue to figure out the history behind the gingerbread house back to the colonial times. The challenge is what, when and how do I pass on the family traditions to my children. Is it fair to impose a culture and tradition that is "different" from those picture perfect holiday TV commercials? Would that confuse my children even more? Or should I just stick to the old adage "When in Rome...."? I'm at a point where culture, traditions and religion boils down to the family values that we pass on from one generation to the other.

Over the years, I've convinced myself that somehow my children inspire and guide me through these challenges. A lot of their first times have been my first times too. I enjoy reading the family traditions stories in the third grade textbooks and relate those to the traditions I grew up with. I've built my Thanksgiving and Christmas vocabulary through the word searches, crossword puzzles and wonderful holiday artwork that come home in my children's backpack. The gingerbread boy craftwork and The Polar Express movie are my holiday favorites. I enjoy watching the Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving and Christmas movies too! My five year old son wants to celebrate Hunnakah because apparently his favorite teacher celebrates Hunnakah. I thought that it was a wonderful and pure thought. I believe that the fundamentals of all the traditions are the same. Children like to feel special and loved. Upon my children's recommendation, we are going to build our first gingerbread house this Christmas! Let's hope I don't need to call Martha Stewart to my rescue!

Back to the lady at Walmart...On her way out she mentioned that her two year old grandson has this really fatal illness and the doctors say that he wouldn't live for more than four years. She went on to say that she believes that a grandmother's love can cure anything - anything. The fact that my children's grandparents are on the other side of the globe pales the pain she was going through. She believed that the Xylophone she bought will help cure her grandson. I've often stumbled upon situations that are good reminders about measuring happiness in our lives. One of my favorite quotes - " I had no shoes and complained, until I met a man who had no feet. (Indian proverb)"

Nehali Neogi resides in Wilmington with her husband and children. A computer engineer by trade, Nehali has taken a year off from her career to finish penning her book, a collection of short stories titled "American by Dream."Email: nneogi@yahoo.com

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The skate park in Wilmington was built in memory of a teenager from town, which was an honorable idea. But I do not think that his parents intended for it to be such a place where kids do drugs and have sex in the woods behind it. It should be torn down to clean up the area. We don't want drug dealers hanging around our town.

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Preschool at the YMCA in Reading

READING – Are you thinking of enriching your child's learning experience? The Burbank YMCA Preschool Program has been the foundation for a number of area families schooling. Along with the opportunity for children to interact with each other, Burbank YMCA preschool provides activities that stimulate the children's physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth through science, sensory activities, music, literacy, dramatic play and reading. YMCA swim lessons are included in the curriculum.

As with all of the childcare programs, organized at the Burbank YMCA, preschool classes are developed with the same dedication to being a safe, compassionate environment for your children to flourish and progress. They gain many needed skills that are not taught but are learned only when surrounded by gentle, encouraging individuals.

There are still some openings for the morning and afternoon sessions starting in January 2007. Available also, is a great feature for working parents, "Precare" from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. For more information or to enroll for this first rate program, please call Joelle Addario, Preschool Director at 781-944-9622 x227.

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According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a $50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Middlesex County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-543-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Tewksbury native

Vietnam veteran's remains returned home

BOSTON (AP) - Additional remains of a Vietnam War casualty from Tewksbury have been identified and returned to his family, the U.S. Department of Defense said Tuesday.

The department said the partial remains of Sgt. 1st Class Wayne C. Allen have been turned over to his relatives. Allen could receive a burial with full military honors if his family wants.

Allen and two soldiers were aboard a UH-1C Huey helicopter when it ran into bad weather over Quang Nam Province on Jan. 10, 1970. The helicopter went down, but the crew was not found in the area.

Partial remains of Allen first were discovered in 1989 when the Socialist Republic of Vietnam government turned them over to the United States. Additional remains were discovered when Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command teams excavated an area of Quang Nam in 1994.

Department of Defense spokesman Larry Greer said the time lapse since the 1994 discovery was the result of a painstaking process "to make sure we don't turn over the wrong remains to a family."

The remains of two other men, Capt. Herbert C. Crosby of Donalson, Ga., and Sgt. 1st Class Francis G. Graziosi of Rochester, N.Y., uncovered during the 1994 trip also were returned to their families, according to Greer.

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Members of the Tewksbury Piece Makers Quilting Guild made quilts and presented them to Nancy Assenza, Family Ties Program Coordinator for the Lowell D.D.S. last week. (l-r): Nancy Assenza, Linda Harrington, Denise Sawyer, Kelley Ciampa and Dianna Czarniecki.
Photo by Maureen Lamoureux

Tewksbury Senior Topics

Those people traveling to Boston Friday, December 22nd, to see the Rockettes performance are reminded that the bus shall depart from the Livingston Playground Parking Lot at 12:45 p.m.

The Senior Center will be closed Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th. It is hoped that all have a warm and joyous Christmas and that all are able to share the festivities with family and friends. A prayer is sent to our soldiers across the sea and to those who have lost a loved one. The holidays are very hard for some people especially those who have had a loss.

Hopefully, cherished memories will fill a heart or two and one will take comfort in knowing that his/her loved one would want the merriest of seasons to be had by all.

Tuesday exercise class and zingo will not be held next Tuesday, December 26th. Due to these cancellations, hot lunches WILL be served at the White House on Tuesday. Please take note of this change. Wednesday Cribbage and Thursday Whist Activities have also been cancelled next week but will resume the following week.

Dr. Smith will conduct a Podiatry Clinic at the Senior Center next Thursday, December 28th.

Surprisingly, there were several openings left for the clinic when this article was submitted. One may call the Senior Center at 978-640-4482 to see if space is still available. A co-payment of $15 is due upon sign-up. This clinic is limited to 25 Tewksbury Seniors; and, is supported in part by the Council on Aging.

The next Foxwood day trip will be held on Monday, January 15, 2007. Tickets went on sale this past Monday, December 18th. There may be openings left on this trip. The trip cost is $20 per person.

If one is not done with his/her Christmas shopping, Senior Center gift certificates are available and make a pretty nice gift. These certificates can be used for day trips or classes. For more information one may call 978-640-4482.

The Red Hat Carnation Belles group reminds people that its 2 year calendars are also available and make a great holiday gift. These calendars will bring one through to June of 2008.

Peace on Earth, Good will toward Men, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza, A Joyous Holiday to All.

God Bless America.

Wilmington Public Schools and the Wilmington Education Foundation presents...

Deana's Fund... Acting to prevent violence

Parent's Workshop to be held on January 4th

Wilmington Public Schools and the Wilmington Education Foundation are pleased to present an educational theater series addressing bullying and harassment to be held at the Shawsheen, Woburn Street, North Intermediate, West Intermediate and the Wilmington Middle School for grades 2, 4, and 7. These programs will be performed beginning on January 5th, 2007 and throughout the following week.

As an important part of this series, the Administration and Education Foundation are also sponsoring a Parent's Workshop to be held in the auditorium at the Wilmington Middle School on January 4th, 2007 at 7:00pm. We encourage all parents to attend this program as your interest and participation in this workshop will help you to address these serious topics with your children as a follow up to the programs they will begin seeing in their schools the following week.

The production All Starz will be performed for the second graders, Doin' the Right Thing! for the forth graders, and Remote Control for the seventh graders. Informational flyers will be sent home in advance with your children notifying you when the production will be taking place at their school. These special programs directly address various types of bullying and harassment they may experience in the school environment. These programs will give them ideas about how to stand up for their classmates who are being bullied, how to recognize harassment, and how to get help if they are experiencing bullying themselves.

Immediately following the program, the actors will talk with the children about what they just saw, ask them some questions, and do some acting along with them to help them learn how to better deal with the issues of bullying and harassment.

These productions are produced by an organization called Deana's Fund (www.deanasfund.org), which is dedicated to promoting healthy relationships and community involvement through educational programs designed for young people and the adults in their lives.

Together through enrichment programs, the Wilmington School Department and the Wilmington Education Foundation these important productions are being brought to your children to educate and empower them to stand up for themselves and others but also to identify to them the resources available within the school if they or a friend is a victim of bullying or harassment.

Please discuss the performances with your children as your interest in addressing these serious topics will help your child understand that we all can play an important role in making our school community a safe and respectful place for all.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED - Employees at UniFirst Corporation in Wilmington, Mass. donated more than 400 nonperishable food items in December as part of the company's 5th Annual Holiday Food Drive. All collected items will be distributed to area food pantries. Among the UniFirst employees helping to organize this year's event were (from left): Tatiana Dzevenskaya, Eric Fournier, Deb Modugno, Denise Valentin-Diaz (partially hidden), Africa Mejia, Cate O'Hara, Dee Iovanni, Karen Parevoliotis, Tracy Cavallaro and Maryellen Mulligan.
Courtesy photo

Need something fun to do on winter break?

READING - Kids just want to have fun! Fun begins at the Burbank YMCA Winter Break Week.

Let your children enjoy one day or all four. Everyday will be filled with an exciting adventure. They will be busy playing with friends and making new ones. There will also be plenty of action to fill the day.

The itinerary of fun for the week includes:

- Tuesday, December 26th: Flick & Float! Enjoy a great movie while floating around in the heated pool. You provide the suit we'll provide the float.
- Wednesday, December 27th: Grades K-2: Plaster Fun Time-Enjoy picking and painting the sculpture of your choice. Grades 3+: Winter Olympics Day-Challenge your skills at the Burbank Olympics! Enjoy a ceremonious medal presentation at the closing of the games.
- Thursday, December 28th: Grades K-2: Winter Olympics Day. Grades 3+: Field Trip to Roller Palace in Beverly for a day of skating fun!
- Friday, December 29th: Countdown to New Year's Pizza Party Celebration-Party hats included.

All childcare staff are trained professionals dedicated to making sure your children have a fun, safe environment to learn and bond with their peers.

Call Andrea Consolante at 781-944-9622 x236 for more information. For a mere $50 a day, not including trip fees, your children can enjoy a jam-packed fun-filled day from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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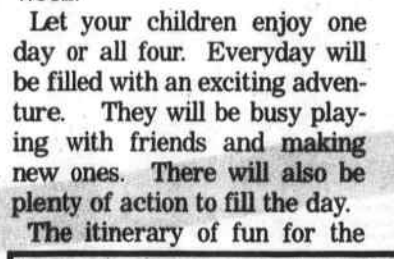

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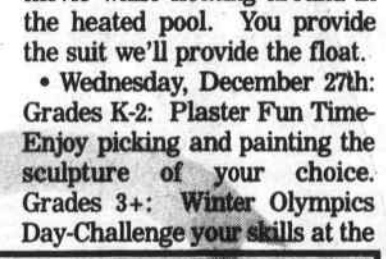

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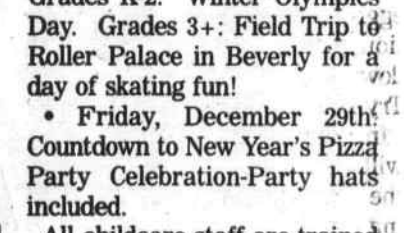

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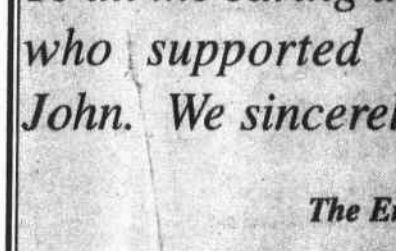

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3br SE. LR w/cath ceiling, full bow window & wood burning FP. New pro windows, sec sys, 200 AMP elec, & C/A. The home is set far back off of the st on .95 acre lot w/lg shed in fenced-in yd.
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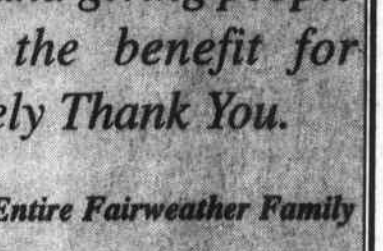

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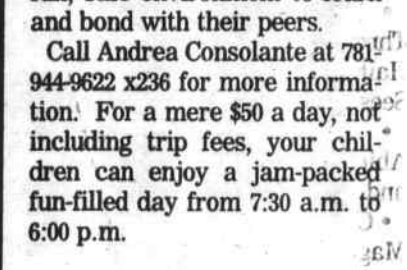

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Holiday break for teens

Looking for something to read over the holiday break? Stop by the Teen Zone to see the latest additions to our teen collection—mysteries, fantasy, non-fiction, manga, and more! Brandy Danner, Teen Services Librarian, can help you find a book that is perfect for you. You can also check out the list of "Good Reads" that Brandy has compiled on the Teen Zone link at www.wilmlibrary.org. You will find titles in the following categories: Recognizable Life: Teen Realism, Laugh 'til it Hurts: Humorous Realistic Fiction, and Other Worldly Reading: Teen Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Superhero Fiction. So relax during the holiday break and read for the fun of it!

Teen All-You-Can-Read Winter Buffet

Who can read the longest? Who will win prizes? It could be YOU! Sign up for our food-filled reading marathon and enjoy a full buffet of snacks, sodas, and sandwiches all day long, plus a pizza party for every marathon reader! Bring a pillow, a beanbag chair, or something else comfy to sit on. It doesn't matter what you read–bring your own books or choose something off our book menu. Here is an opportunity to read just for the fun of it (or finish that required reading assignment while being served food all day). The event will take place on Thursday, December 28, from 11:30-7 p.m. Teens in 6th-12th grades can register by stopping into the Teen Zone (second floor) of the library or by calling (978) 694-2098. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Winter Preschool Story Times

Registration for preschool story times is now taking place. Introduce your young child to books, flannel board stories, songs, circle games and finger plays offered by Children's Librarian Susan MacDonald and Assistant Children's Librarian Barbara Michaud. Registration for the following programs may be made in person by visiting the Children's Room or by calling (978) 694-2098.

Baby Times - A program most appropriate for the early walker with caregiver, to be held on Thursdays, January 4, 18, February 1 and 15 at 9:15-9:40 a.m.

Time for Twos - Caregivers and two year-olds attend on Thursdays, January 11, 22 and February 8 at 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Story Times for Three Year-Olds - Children who are three attend on either Thursdays (January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15)) 10:30-11 a.m. or Fridays (January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16) 9:30-10 a.m.

Story Times for Four and Five Year-Olds - Four year-olds and five year-olds (not yet attending kindergarten) attend on either Tuesdays (January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13) 10-10:30 a.m. or Fridays (January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16) 10:30-11 a.m. Registration for the next story time session will begin Tuesday, February 20.

Makeover Update

As part of the library makeover, prisoners from the Billerica House of Correction are scheduled to do some painting on the first floor of the library during the week of December 18th.

Thanks to all residents who have given to the Friends of the Library Annual Appeal. The funds that are raised are earmarked to help with the library makeover. According to Jim Lemay, Friends President, one third of the $25,000 Annual Appeal goal has been reached to date.

Museum Passes

Visiting a museum is a great family activity for the upcoming holiday vacation week. Save money and book one of the many passes available at the library. Call the library at 978-658-2967 to reserve a pass. For a complete list of all the passes, check the library's web site www.wilmlibrary.org. Click on "Quick Links" where you will find a link to all the museum passes available at the library. Thanks to all of the community organizations that fund the library passes to Boston area museums.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed on Saturday, December 23rd through Monday, December 25th for the Christmas holidays.

Marissa DeLuca of Wilmington attended the Polar Express sponsored by Tewksbury's Heath Brook School this past weekend. Children boarded trains in Billerica and steamed along right to the North Pole (a.k.a. Winchester) to meet Santa Claus. Children enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies, a reading of the Polar Express, and even singing Santa Claus is Coming to Town (as seen above). Photo by Kelley Ciampa

Tewksbury Library Notes

by Elisabeth DesMarais

Festival of Trees runs through Jan 6

So, have you shopped 'til you dropped? Have you hit the proverbial wall? Are you too tired to decide which hurts more, your head or your feet?

You will enjoy the holidays more when you try to keep your life in balance: get plenty of sleep, try to fit in some fresh air and exercise, watch the eggnog and fruitcake consumption, and include personal down-time to recoup and relax. Try reading a book!

In the Browsing Wing, you will find a display of books for the Christmas season, including the following holiday favorites selected by library staff members. Books on display can be checked out.

- Mary Higgins Clark's All Through the Night; Deck the Halls; Silent Night; and, He Sees You When You're Sleeping.
- Jan Karon's Shepherds Abiding; Mitford Snowmen; and, Esther's Gift.
- Carol Pearson's The Modern Magi.
- Kristin Hannah's Comfort & Joy.
- Nancy Atherton's Aunt Dimity's Christmas.
- Leslie Meier's Christmas Cookie Murder.

Check out the library's movie collection for holiday classics such as *It's A Wonderful Life* and Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and newer titles such as *Christmas with the Kranks* and *Dora the Explorer: Christmas!*

Stop by the public library today and tomorrow to pick up a copy of Clement C. Moore's poem, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, more commonly known as *The Night Before Christmas*.

Start a holiday tradition at your home by reading this aloud on Christmas Eve.

Short takes:

Holiday Hours

This weekend, the Library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Next week, the library will be open regular hours Tuesday through Saturday, and then closed on Sunday and Monday, December 31 and January 1.

A Note of Appreciation

A huge thank-you goes out to all local residents who shared the holiday spirit by donating gifts for Tewksbury Hospital patients, food for the Community Pantry, and items for care packages for American soldiers serving overseas.

Happy Birthday, Tewksbury

December 23rd marks the 272nd anniversary of Governor John Belcher's signing of the charter that allowed local English colonists to separate from Billerica and to form the town that came to be called Tewksbury. Congratulations to the Tewksbury Historical Society for commemorating this event annually with the organization's Charter Day festivities.

Festival of Trees

The week between Christmas and New Year's will be a great time to tour the three dozen decorated trees at the public library. The Festival runs through January 6th.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Monthly used book sales resume the first weekend in January. Sale hours on Saturday, January 6 are from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. On Sunday, January 7, the sale will continue from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Inevitably the season will bring snow, some years more than others. When the library's schedule of hours is changed due to the weather, overdue fines are waived, since we don't expect our patrons to be driving under treacherous conditions just to return books or movies. Please call ahead during inclement weather to determine whether the library's hours have been modified: 978.640.4490.

For more information about library events and programs, special holiday hours, and other news, please contact the library at 978.640.4490 or check us out on the web at www.tewksburypl.org.

Even 'Christmas' has become awkward for many to say

Which is strange, isn't it? We simply honor the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, as do most in our country. Do we dishonor other faiths in saying this? Of course not. He taught us to love and to honor all people, all faiths. And we do. And in so doing, we stand in our own faith. We wish you and all the ones you love a merry Christmas. May we all practice the truths that Christ taught us. And may our world be better, and brighter, for all.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, December 11

1:26 a.m. Police assisted in removing from the premises an allegedly intoxicated woman who had locked herself in the restroom from the Dunkin' Donuts at 1973 Main Street.

7:00 a.m. An unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Greenwood Avenue was gone through overnight by an unknown person.

7:08 a.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Felker Street was burglarized overnight.

9:24 a.m. Two vehicles parked at a residence on Forest Avenue were burglarized overnight.

10:55 p.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Trull Road was burglarized.

1:03 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 910 Andover Street.

5:47 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2136 Main Street.

10:06 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a guest room of the Motel Six at 95 Main Street.

Nelson Reyes, 18, of 29 Harrison Street in Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 333 Main Street and was charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Tuesday, December 12

6:55 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Whipple Road and Sesame Street.

8:09 a.m. Several vehicles parked at residences on Tanglewood Avenue and one on Wildwood Street were burglarized overnight.

8:13 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1973 Main Street.

8:22 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of South Street and Main Street.

3:07 p.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Tanglewood Avenue was burglarized overnight.

6:21 p.m. A larceny was reported by Papa Gino's located at 1900 Main Street.

6:58 p.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Tanglewood Avenue was burglarized.

6:59 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2003 Main Street.

10:07 p.m. Lawn ornaments were stolen from a residential property on North Street.

10:12 p.m. Police assisted in dealing with an out of control client of the Pines of Tewksbury at 2580 Main Street.

Wednesday, December 13

3:32 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Main Street.

6:59 a.m. A lawn ornament was stolen from a residential property on Fox Run Drive.

12:04 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of East Street and Chandler Street.

2:11 p.m. Police assisted in dealing with an out of control client of the Pines of Tewksbury at 2580 Main Street.

5:15 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 470 Main Street.

Thursday, December 14

1:40 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 666 Whipple Road.

5:42 a.m. Lawn ornaments belonging to a resident of Edgewood Road were vandalized.

6:22 a.m. An assault and battery reportedly occurred in the vicinity of 1500 Shawsheen Street.

6:32 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1706 Shawsheen Street.

8:00 a.m. Lawn ornaments were stolen from a residential property on Ferncroft Road.

1:00 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1992 Main Street.

2:01 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1608 Main Street.

2:20 p.m. Police assisted in removing an unwanted person from a guest room of Motel Six at 95 Main Street.

5:04 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1785 Andover Street.

5:31 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 953 Andover Street.

6:52 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 896 Main Street.

Friday, December 15

8:02 a.m. An unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Park Avenue was burglarized overnight.

8:18 a.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Park Avenue was burglarized overnight.

10:15 a.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Heidenrich Drive was burglarized.

4:05 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Street and Beech Street.

4:07 p.m. Police alerted to the presence of a pile of bones located off of South Street. Officers determined them to be animal bones and to be located in Wilmington. Wilmington Police and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were notified.

6:43 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 200 Old Main Street.

7:18 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 623 Main Street.

7:54 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 88 Main Street.

11:53 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Euclid road.

James Carney, no age given, of 21 Exeter Place in Billerica, was arrested in the vicinity of 450 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Michael Saber, 26, of 35 Longmeadow Road in Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity of 87 Pleasant Street on the basis of a warrant and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

Saturday, December 16

1:47 a.m. A limousine driver returning passengers to a residence on McLaren Road requested assistance from police in dealing with the allegedly intoxicated clients.

8:58 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2280 Main Street.

9:58 a.m. A shed located on Baystate Road was burglarized.

1:26 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 95 Main Street.

4:03 p.m. Police assisted in resolving a dispute between neighbors of Patten Road.

Sunday, December 17

8:55 a.m. An unlocked vehicle parked at a residence on Charles Drive was burglarized overnight.

6:58 p.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Charles Drive was burglarized overnight.

7:50 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 108 Coolidge Street.

Neil Nelson, 63, of 3 Royal Street in Winchester, was arrested in the vicinity of 474 Whipple Road and was charged with failing to stay within marked lanes of travel and his third offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Wilmington Police Log

Monday, December 11

5:00 p.m. A vehicle parked in the lot of Koch Membrane at 850 Main Street was keyed maliciously.

6:31 p.m. A Christmas decoration was stolen from a residential property on Chestnut Street.

Tuesday, December 12

7:29 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Church Street and Adams Street.

10:02 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 600 Research Drive.

10:52 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the juncture of Lowell Street and Interstate 93.

1:25 p.m. Property was stolen from NAPA New England of 840 Woburn Street at some point during the previous weekend.

4:20 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Veranda Avenue.

5:44 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the juncture of Lowell Street and Interstate 93.

Wednesday, December 13

9:30 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 18 Church Street.

10:16 a.m. A residential mailbox on Salem Street was damaged maliciously.

7:26 p.m. Copper and wire were stolen from Vittiglo Construction at 789 Woburn Street.

Benjamin DeSantis, 52, of 27R Veterans Avenue in Everett, was arrested in the vicinity of 127 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license.

Thursday, December 14

6:32 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Salem Street.

12:11 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 401 Woburn Street.

2:10 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue.

2:33 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 3 Industrial Way.

8:36 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 47 Butters Row.

9:23 p.m. A lawn ornament belonging to a residence on Sarafinas Way was destroyed maliciously.

Marlon Ollivierre, 30, of Andover, was stopped by police at the juncture of Interstate 93 and Route 125 and was issued a summons for the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

A 15-year old juvenile from Dorchester was arrested in the vicinity of 15 Marion Street and was charged with illegally possessing a Class B substance and illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Issac Flowers, 19, of 4 Wendover Street in Dorchester, was arrested in the vicinity of 15 Marion Street and was charged with larceny of property valued at more than $250.

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Friday, December 15

8:10 a.m. Malicious damage to property was reported by a resident of Salem Street.

10:47 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 240 Main Street.

Saturday, December 16

8:11 a.m. Multiple residential mailboxes on Nichols Street were destroyed maliciously. Red paint transfer and a vehicle's radio antenna were recovered from the scene.

1:01 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Butters Row.

8:10 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 159 Church Street.

David Wells, 52, of Billerica, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 240 Main Street and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license and operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his registration.

Sunday, December 17

2:11 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance occurring in a vehicle by the intersection of High Street and Middlesex Avenue.

8:53 a.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Draper Drive was vandalized overnight.

11:42 a.m. A vehicle parked at a residence on Gunderson Road was vandalized overnight.

7:08 p.m. Police reeived multiple calls reporting "heavy fireworks" being set off in the vicinity of 13 Congress Street. Two individuals identified by police as the responsible parties picked up all of the debris and were advised regarding the use of fireworks in Massachusetts.

9:15 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 7 Beech Street.

11:12 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Ox Bow Drive.

A 15-year old juvenile from North Reading was detained by police by the Heffron Materials property at 800 Salem Street and was issued a summons for motor vehicle trespassing.

N.A.R.F.E. January meeting cancelled

Due to the fact that the scheduled January meeting would fall on January third and that is very close to the holidays, the board of directors has decided to forgo the meeting and hold the next meeting on February 7th at the Reading Senior Center. There will be another Pipeline news letter going out to members in January reminding all of the date and the speaker for the February 7th meeting. Keep an eye out for future notices in the Town Crier.

Shawsheen Tech Commercial Art and Design students, Jaclyn Smith (left) and Shauna Leavitt (center) are pictured with their cooperative education employer John Foley (right) at interlinkONE in Wilmington. Mr. Foley, the company's CEO, speaks very highly of the Shawsheen Tech co-op students and graduates that he has employed over the years.

Courtesy photo

Wilimington business thrives with Shawsheen Tech students

BILLERICA - When MTV first went on the air, its famous slogan was, "I want my MTV."

The phrase was so popular that it even landed in a famous rock song that remains popular almost 30 years later.

John Foley has a catch phrase of his own these days and it goes something like this: "I want Shawsheen Tech co-op students."

Foley is the president and Chief Executive Officer of interlinkONE, Inc. a software product company that provides an integrated suite of web-based solutions that support the planning, management and execution of an entire marketing operation.

Currently, the company's Wilmington office of 15 employees includes many Shawsheen Tech graduates and two current students from the school's cooperative education program, Commercial Art and Design seniors Jaclyn Smith and Shauna Leavitt.

Former Shawsheen Tech students Jason Pinto and Ben Anderson are full-time employees at interlinkONE, which has been in operation since 1996.

"They provide software to manage a company," said Leavitt, of Tewksbury, on the role of interlinkONE. "It's just an easy way to keep track of everything and keep everything organized."

"Shawsheen Tech students have been very good for this company," said Foley. "We put them to work in real-work settings. We transition them into the real business world."

Foley's relationship with Shawsheen Tech began shortly after he started his business. While Foley, who worked at Textron for 17 years before going out on his own, has used students in a variety of roles since 1998. Smith, and Leavitt are involved in creative work and marketing support, developing items such as postcards and fliers that entice clients to visit specific websites.

"Mr. Foley explains to us what he wants designed with some general guidelines and we just come up with things that we think are a good fit," said Leavitt. "We present it to him and then talk it over. We have a lot of creative freedom."

"They've been fantastic," said Foley. "They're very motivated. I actually hate it on the week that they're not here. They really help us with our ongoing marketing efforts."

Foley was actually impressed with the girls before they even walked through the doors at Interlink ONE.

"Two days after their interview, they emailed me," said Foley. "They said 'What do we need to do now.' They wanted to secure a job closely related to what they're studying at Shawsheen Tech."

"We fought to get this job," said Leavitt with a laugh. "And it's nice because we're treated as employees, not just students."

Both girls currently are compiling impressive portfolios that will be able to be used for both college applications and future employment interviews.

"I want to eventually become an art director for a CD company," said Smith, of Wilmington, who chose the Interlink ONE co-op spot over two other positions. "I would direct my ideas and a graphic designer would design them. Right now, I'm doing both."

Foley is hoping both Smith and Leavitt continue to work for his company after they graduate from Shawsheen Tech.

"Shawsheen students have some programming aptitude," Foley said. "They have experience in a lot of the tools that I am asking them to use. I don't think I ever would have hired them if they didn't have some sort of education in those areas. Obviously when you come to a small company like mine, you're expected to do more, you have more responsibilities."

"We've learned a lot in the past month," said Leavitt, who plans on applying to the Massachusetts College of Art along with Smith. "I think co-op is a great opportunity to get to experience new things."

Karen Dame named to Century 21 Systems Centurion Honor Society

WILMINGTON - Maureen Foresteire and Ralph Newhouse, owners of Century 21 Starwood, are proud to announce that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently named Karen Dame to the CENTURION HONOR SOCIETY following her continuous real estate sales success.

Century 21 Real Estate LLC established the CENTURION HONOR SOCIETY in 2003 to recognize those sales professionals who have achieved CENTURION level sales production for a minimum of FIVE years within the Century 21 System. CENTURION producer status is based on minimum sales production for a calendar year and is adjusted annually for inflation. For the 2005 calendar year a sales associate needed to achieve a minimum of $190,000 in sales production or 60 closed transaction sides within the calendar year to earn the CENTURION producer status.

"The CENTURION HONOR SOCIETY recognizes the dedication, success and the continuous pursuit of excellence and most importantly longevity in the real estate industry," said Thomas R. Kunz, President & CEO of Century 21 Real Estate LLC. Karen achieved the first of her five CENTURION awards during her second year of her career which is an outstanding success. Karen is truly a leader and innovator within the Century 21 System and a valued and trusted real estate resource for Wilmington and all of the surrounding communities and a major contributor to the overall success of Century 21 Starwood.

"Being named to the CENTURION HONOR SOCIETY is a great accomplishment in my professional career. With continued effort and focus on my clients, I hope to continue on this path of success and achievement," said Karen.

Should you have any questions regarding Real Estate you can reach Karen at Century 21 Starwood, 299 Main St, Wilmington at 978-657-8444 or directly at 978-502-3109 or via e:mail at karen.dame@century21.com.

St. John's Preparatory School announces Academic Honors for first quarter 2006-2007

DANVERS - St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2006-2007 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the Principal's List for the 1st Quarter 2006-2007.

Tewksbury
Jared McBrine '07
Wilmington
Patrick Ryan '07

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter 2006-2007.

Wilmington
Sean Callahan '10
Justin Colella '08
Carl Crupi '07
Paul Fortin '09
Michael Wilson '07

About St. John's Prep:
Founded in 1907, St. John's is an independent, Catholic, Xaverian Brothers sponsored secondary school for young men in grades 9 through 12. With a century-long tradition of excellence in academics, arts and athletics, St. John's is recognized for a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that emphasizes academic achievement, spiritual development, leadership and commitment to Christian service.

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Wilmington - BUILT TO IMPRESS – 3 year Contemporary Split boasting 3,000 GLA. 10/4/2,soaring cathedrals, granite kitchen, 25' great room overlooking living room, master bedroom suite with private bath, hardwoods, central air, gas, minutes to rte. 93.

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Wilmington – 2nd FLOOR FULL 1,000 S.F. IN-LAW!! 2 kitchens, 12/5/2, family room with fireplace, large separate decks, town sewer and a great lot.

$339,900

Tewksbury - EAGLES LANDING resort community for 55+. Maintenance free living in this beautiful detached home. 2 bedrooms & office/ den. Private backyard overlooking woods, garage, central air, central vac. Heated pool and golf course.

$244,900

Tewksbury - STUNNING TOP FLOOR END UNIT. Cathedral ceilings, open contemporary layout boasts ceramic tile floors, large kitchen with breakfast bar open to dining room. Master bedroom suite with private bath & walk-in closet. C/A, washer & dryer in unit. Pets okay.

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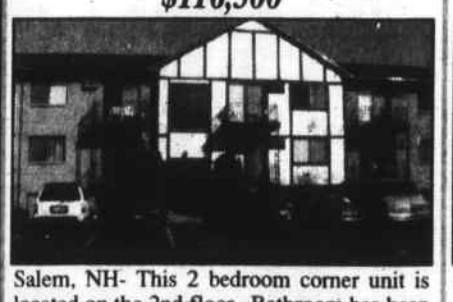
Wilmington – Cozy colonial with 3 bedrooms and new baths. New furnace and water heater, new carpets, newer windows, 100 amp circuit breakers, newer roof. Full foundation and a large private lot.

$116,500



Salem, NH- This 2 bedroom corner unit is located on the 2nd floor. Bathroom has been recently renovated. Newer pergo floors in living room area. Eat-in kitchen. Sliders to porch. All utilities included in condo fee, except electric.

$239,500

Tewksbury – MOVE-IN CONDITION!! 4 room, 2 bedroom Ranch. Gleaming hardwoods, eat-in kitchen, vinyl siding. Town Sewer. Great commuter location. 100% financing & NO MONEY DOWN programs available for this home.

$694,900

North Wilmington - Magnificent custom colonial on cul-de-sac. 8/4/2.5, soaring cathedrals, master bedroom suite, 24x24 family room with custom cabinetry, beautiful sunroom leads to 2 tier trex deck and above ground pool. Minutes to 93 & train.

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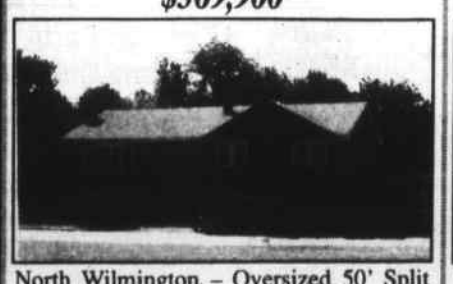

North Wilmington – Oversized 50' Split Entry boasting 2,500 GLA. 3-5 bedrooms, updated kitchen, beautiful yard with inground pool, central air & vac. All major systems updated. Minutes to MBTA commuter rail and Route 93.

$369,900

Tewksbury - Beautiful, mint condition,3 bedroom new england cape on dead end street. Kitchen with center island & all new appliances. Formal dining room & living room with new pellet stove insert. Hardwood & nat. woodwork throughout.

$519,900

Wilmington – TRULY IMPRESSIVE SUPER LARGE CUSTOM COLONIAL Set on _ acre with fenced yard. 8/4/2.5, kitchen boasts large formal dining room, 28' family room/living room with fireplace. Master bedroom suite, 2 car garage.

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Karen Dame

Donald Ugolini

Esther Hughes

Leslie Brenker

Beth McGaffigan

OBITUARIES

Alice B. Biladeau

Secretary for M.I.T.

BILLERICA - Alice B. (Beatrice) Biladeau, age 83 years, of Billerica, formerly of Burlington, died on December 16, 2006, at the Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley in North Billerica.

Mrs. Biladeau was born on Monday, January 22, 1923, in Boston, the daughter of the late Joseph Beatrice and the late Anna (Gioso) Beatrice. She had lived in Burlington for over 37 years and prior to retirement, was employed by M.I.T. as a Secretary.

Mrs. Biladeau was the beloved wife of the late Francis X. Biladeau, Sr. and is survived by her son Francis X. Biladeau of Woburn. Mrs. Biladeau is also survived by 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Her funeral was held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Wednesday morning, December 20, 2006 at 8:45 followed by funeral mass at

St. Mary's Church, 796 Boston Road, Billerica, at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington. For Guestbook and Information please visit www.cavfh.com.

Margaret M. Day

employed by Sweetheart Plastics as a Packer

WILMINGTON - Margaret M. (Arseneau) Day, age 90 years, of Wilmington, died on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, at the Aberjona Nursing Care Center in Winchester.

Mrs. Day was born on Wednesday, January 5, 1916, in Canada, the daughter of the late Andrew and the late Rebecca (Savoie) Arseneau. She had lived in Wilmington for almost 60 years where she was a communicant of St. Thomas Church. Prior to retirement, she was was employed by Sweetheart Plastics as a Packer.

Mrs. Day was the beloved wife of the late Irving H. Day; and is survived by her son James R. Day and his wife Muriel of Raymond, NH; her grandson Thomas Ostrander of New Boston, NH; her granddaughter Erica Dragon of Epsom, NH; her great grandchildren Eva, Austin & Troy; and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Day was also the sister of the late David Arseneau of Fitchburg, the late Jeannette Antil of Leominster and the late Irene Arseneau of Wilmington.

Her funeral service will be held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Friday, December 22, 2006 at 12:00 noon. Interment will follow in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington. Relatives and Friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, December 22, 2006 from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. Memorial donations in her name may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, One St. Jude Place Bldg., Memphis, TN 38148-0552. For Guestbook and Information please visit www.cavfh.com.

Elizabeth A. Landrigan

Director of Physical Therapy at Tewksbury State Hospital

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Elizabeth A. "Betty" Landrigan, age 67, of Wilmington, died Friday, December 15, at the Youville Hospital in Cambridge, surrounded by her family. Betty was born June 2, 1939, in Stoneham, MA, she was the daughter of Thomas and Marion (O'Connor) Halpin. Betty grew up in Malden, where she graduated Girls Catholic High School. Following High School Betty went on to achieve her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy from Boston University - Sargent College. She worked for the State of Massachusetts for many years in the Department of Public Health Spina Bifida and Scoliosis Pediatric Clinics and as the Director of Physical Therapy at Tewksbury State Hospital. Betty married Robert W. Landrigan on November 25, 1961 and just celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary. They moved to Wilmington in 1965, where they raised their family. Following retirement, Betty volunteered at the Wilmington Senior Center as a Shine Counselor. In her spare time, she loved to travel, go biking, camping, and spend time at the family cottage in Brewster on Cape Cod, where she enjoyed the beach. Betty kept her family "organized" and she loved to spoil her grandchildren, she will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Betty was also a women of strong Catholic Faith which helped her through her illness and her life. Besides her husband Betty is survived by her children, Robert W. Landrigan, Jr., & his wife Pamela, Maureen Coughlan & her husband Kevin all of Chelmsford, and Judee E. Davis & her husband Michael of Ipswich, she was the loving "Mimi" of Casey, Erin & Patrick Landrigan, Meghan & Matthew Coughlan, and Ryan & Sean Davis, dear sister of Maureen Lalumiere & her husband John of Scituate, aunt of Beth Mershon of Hopkinton, also survived by many dear cousins and friends. Her funeral was held from the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass St. Dorothy's Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery. Memorial donation's in Elizabeth's name may be made to School Sisters of Notre Dame, Development Office, 345 Belden Hill Road, Wilton, CT 06897.

Amelia G. Booth

Past President of the Wilmington Women's Club

WILMINGTON - Mrs. Amelia G. (Godzyk) Booth, born April 2, 1914, in Salem, MA, to Harry and Julia (Klebasz) Godzyk,

died December 17, 2006, at the Woodbriar Nursing Home in Wilmington at the age of 92.

Amelia was raised in Wilmington and graduated from the Swain High School in 1932.

She was married to the late Raymond C. Booth, who died in 1985.

Amelia was Past President of the Wilmington Women's Club and Post Worthy Matron of Acadia Chapter #80 Order of Eastern Star.

The Booths owned and operated Terry's Inn at Hyannis Park on Lewis Bay on Cape Cod for over 25 years.

Amelia is survived by her brother Paul Godzyk of Wilmington, her nieces and nephew Paula Moisan & her husband Paul of Lowell, Pamela Lecesse & her husband Roy, Elizabeth Godzyk, and Paul Godzyk II, all of Wilmington, her grand nephews and nieces Derek Moisan and his wife Becky of Worcester, Jennifer and Matthew Moisan of Lowell, Cheryl Lecesse of Ayer, Jessica Lecesse, Casey and Nicholas Godzyk all of Wilmington. She was sister of the late Anna G. Clinton, who died in 1999, Sister-in-law of the late Ruth E. Godzyk, who died in 2005, and aunt of the late Arthur M. Godzyk, who died in 1984.

Her funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church of Reading, 45 Woburn St., Reading on Friday, December 22, at 10:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, December 21, from 3 - 7 p.m.

Memorial donations in Amelia's name may be made to Shriners Burn Institute, 50 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

John J. Dunn

Production Manager for Polaroid

WILMINGTON - John J. Dunn, a 44 year resident of Wilmington formerly of Charlestown, died unexpectedly at his home in Wilmington Tuesday, December 19, 2006. He was 73 years old.

John was born in Boston on March 26, 1933. He grew up in Charlestown where he attended Boston Public Schools and graduated from Charlestown High School. John worked at Polaroid Corporation for over 43 years and retired as a Production Manager. He was a member of the Wilmington Council Knights of Columbus, Old Charlestown School Boys Association and W-1 Cement Heads.

John is the beloved husband of Ann M. "Maureen" (Barry) Dunn. He is the devoted father of Thomas F. Dunn and his wife Jill of Dracut & John B. Dunn and his wife Mary-Ellen of Wilmington. John is the loving grandfather of Keith, Kelly, Connor, Kia and Kaleigh. He is the beloved brother of Catherine "Kay" Gillis of Wilmington and the late Mary Kelly and Helen Lyons. John is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

John's Funeral will take place at the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street (Rte. 38) Wilmington, on Friday, December 22, at 9:30 a.m. followed by his Funeral Mass in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours for John will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2006, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Michael P. Pilcher

Formerly of Wilmington

Micheal P. Pilcher, 55 of Coronado, CA and formerly of Wilmington passed away on Nov. 29, 2006. He was the beloved son of the late Thomas and Eleanor (Selig) Pilcher. He is survived by his brother Thomas and his wife Lynn of California, brother James and his wife Pat of New Hampshire, brother John and his wife Dorothy and sisters Eleanor O'Leary and Anne Pilcher all of Wilmington. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and many friends from Wilmington and California. Memorial services were held December 19th at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, San Diego, California. Private services to follow in Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 1309 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02146-5252.

Robert J. Siccone

Woodworking Salesman; Vietnam Veteran

WILMINGTON - Robert J. Siccone, age 66 years, of Wilmington, died on December 19, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Siccone was born on Wednesday, July 24, 1940, in Brookline, the son of the late Ralph Siccone and the late Alice (Gullage) Siccone. He served in the the United States Army during the Vietnam era and prior to retirement, was employed as a oodworking Salesman.

Mr. Siccone is survived by his beloved wife Barbara J. (Faucon) Siccone; his daughters Meredith Greeley and her husband Michael of Billerica and Alison Siccone of Wilmington; his brother Ralph Siccone of Stow; and his sister Marilyn Flanders of North Reading.

His funeral service will be held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Friday afternoon, December 22, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. Relatives and Friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, December 21, 2006 from 4-8 p.m.

Memorial donations in his name may be made to the American Cancer Society 30 Speen Street Framingham, MA 01701. For Guestbook and Information please visit www.cavfh.com.

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Postmasters Michael DiGregorio, Wilmington, and Joanna M. Louf, Tewksbury, have asked for the cooperation of postal customers to keep walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter.

"The Postal Service treats safety and service with equal priority," the postal officials said, "and we are seeking your help to ensure that you get the kind of service you need and expect and our letter carriers are safe from the perils they face during the winter."

Letter carriers are especially vulnerable to slips, trips and falls during the winter months, they said, adding: "It is extremely important that you keep your walkways free and clear of snow and ice to help reduce the danger of a letter carrier suffering serious injury in a slipping accident.

"Your help in this regard is deeply appreciated by your letter carrier and all the many men and women who work together to make sure you receive the best possible mail delivery."

They asked residents who receive mail delivery to rural or curbside boxes to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash cans and other objects. "This will permit the carrier to drive up to your mailbox and deposit or collect mail without leaving the vehicle. The approach to and exit from the mailbox should be cleared sufficiently on both sides to allow the carrier to drive ahead and not be required to back up after delivery," they said.

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Jazz come up with a big senior division win

Senior Division

Jazz 24, Blazers 22

The Jazz were led by Lauren DiCredico who had a break out game with 11 hard earned points, with almost half of them from the foul line. Sarah Reynolds and Karie Judge (two points) did a great job rebounding. Shelby Madore (four points) and Kerri Capuano (five points) did their team proud by moving the ball around the court to set up the offense.

Brianna Miano (two points) played a solid defense, slowing or stopping many Blazer drivers. Kailey Tirabassi continues to grow and become a more powerful player on the court. Hayley Austin (two points) and Shaina Licker both played another solid defensive game for the Jazz.

Scoring for the Blazers were Michelle Gavin four points, Alyssa Martucci two points, Stephanie Casino three points, Gigi Gajjaoui one point and Melissa Shikles 12 points. Without the great playing of Brook Litwinsky, Taryn Temmallo, Jacquelyn Hopkinson and Samantha Muse the game would not have been so close. Offensive player of the game was Melissa Shikles and defensive player of the game was Michelle Gavin.

Sonics 22, Spurs 13

The Sonics came out fired up both on offense and defense and played an extremely strong first half, then held off the Spurs to take a 22-13 victory.

Abby Pinard, Liz Carie and Jillian Gariepy ruled the back boards while Casey Reese and Katie Conklin defended the key with passion. Renee Conlin and Lauren Spencer worked the offense masterfully helping Krista Petrone score.

Petrone led all scorers with 12 points while Conlin added four and Spencer, Gariepy and Carie chipped in with two each. Casey Reese was Defensive Player of the Game.

Sam Killion led the Spurs with four points from some strong offensive rebounding. Laura Williams added three points and Allison Frazier and Emily Giuliani rounded out the scoring with two points each.

Wizards 32, Pacers 14

Demonstrating a strong first showing the Wizards were able to outscore a determined Pacers team, 32-14. Katelyn Moore led the Wizards with eight points, while Liz Connolly added seven and Amanda Fleming had five. Jess Sullivan and Erin Tibbetts added four each, while Allyson Trayah and Kimberly Fairweather had two each.

Christina Lusardi and Erin Tibbetts were Defensive Players of the Game.

Despite the final result, the Pacers worked hard. They played until the end, but the shots just weren't falling.

Andrea Hardy scored five points and Meghan McCarthy added four while Brittney Wallace and Brittni Condon had two each. Charlotte Brace hit a free throw.

Raptors 33, Magic 18

The Raptors relied on a balanced scoring attack and jumped out to a 19-6 first half lead before cruising home to a 33-18 win over the Magic.

Leanne Tucker led the Raptors with nine points while Brittany Randolph added eight and Paige Umprecht chipped in with six. Andrea Caprio and Alyssa Kelly scored four each and Katelyn Larson had two points.

For the Magic, Devan Horahan led the way with seven points while Taylor Marshall added five. Gina Papageorgiou and Rebecca Quigley scored two each and Kristen Mader and Nicole Devoe each hit a free throw.

Jazz 30, Raptors 23

The Jazz kicked off their season opener with a 30-23 win over the Raptors last Monday night. Hayley Austin and Shelby Madore worked well together dropping in six points between them. Kaileyt Tirabassi and Shaina Licker played tough defense. Kerri Capuano and Sarah Reynolds led the team in rebounding. Brianna Miano, Lauren DiCredico and Karie Judge led the fourth quarter comeback.

Magic 36, Pacers 23

After a close first half the Magic finally pulled away from the Pacers in the second half and took a 36-23 season opening victory last Monday night. Great defense and rebounding led by Gina Papageorgiou, Kristen Mader, Jessica Fortier and Kathy Anzuoni along with solid ball movement and passing by Nicole Devoe and Rebecca Quigley kept the Pacers at bay.

Taylor Marshall scored ten points, Lindsey Phenix aded seven, Devan Horahan had six and Brooke Mallhan had four.

Junior Division

Suns 34, Storm 16

The Sun exploded out of the gates with 16 first quarter points en route to a 34-16 season opening win over the Storm. Shanell Nardone led the way for the Sun, tossing in a career-high 14 points. Nardone got plenty of help from her teammates, too, as Alyson Spencer contributed eight points, while Brooke Hardy scored six, Haley Acconcia added four and Lindsey Andella scored two.

Defensively, Courtney Graffeo, Abby Plant and Cassie Froio played well for the Sun. Haley Acconcia was named Defensive Player of the Game for her strong rebounding efforts.

For the Storm, Julia Bodoni led the team with eight points and Jessica Vitale added six. Brittany Sullivan also scored two points.

Comets 14, Liberty 12

Olivia Gallella and Shannon McLaughlin scored four points each to lead the Comets to a 14-12 victory over the Liberty in a hard fought contest that went right down to the wire. Rachel Kelleher, Kavita Shah and Mikaela Strobel had two points each for the Comets.

This was a hard fought defensive game right from the tip off and a tough loss for the Liberty. Midway through the second quarter the Liberty suffered a big setback when center Julia Smith went down with an ankle injury. The Liberty never seemed to recover after that.

High scorer for the Liberty was Kelly Quigley with six points followed by Alex Bonugli, Lindsey Cossar, and Jamie Ray with two points each. The entire team played well from start to finish including Sam Lopolito, Jennifer Maddaleni, Erin Morrissey and Taylor Sordillo. Alex Bonugli, Kelly Quigley and Julia Smith put forth a strong defensive effort in the loss. Congratulations to the Comets on a hard fought victory.

Monarchs 26, Rockers 7

The Monarchs started out their season strong with a hard fought game against the Rockers. Aggressive defense by Lacey Hartigan and Paige Walker caused many turnovers. Renee Stronach, Alexis Chaet and Marissa Conlin made some very nice passes to secure the victory.

Ally Braciska and Nicole Hamel led the Monarchs with six points each while Michelle Hopkinson added five and Leanne Lozowski had four. Michelle Creedon and Rachel Stronach were named defensive players of the game.

It was a tough loss for the upstart Rockers. After a rough first half the Rockers played tough second half defense against the fast paced Monarchs. Megan Sheppard scored three points, while Haley Pozzuto and Chelsea Porcaro added two each. Abigail Meuse turned in a great defensive effort, making many stops in the second half.

Starzz 7, Sparks 2

Great team defense by both teams led to a low scoring tilt as the Starzz were able to hold a tough Sparks team to two points in a 7-2 win.

The Starzz offense was led by Alyssa Post (three points), Jillian Phaneuf (two points) and Eva Barinelli (two points). Emily Duquette was named Defensive Player of the Game.

It was a good start to a long season for the Sparks, who had a lot of chances on offense led by Bridget Casey, Jamie Fowler, Marissa Mariel and MacKenzie Pierce. But it wasn't until the second half when Brooke Patterson (two points) dropped one in.

Great defense by June Garcia, Danielle Cacciola, Maddy Burgoyne, Kaily Durante and Cassidy Russell. Great job for a first game by all players.

Lynx 30, Mercury 8

Ashley Kelly and Sara Semenza scored eight points each to lead the Lynx to a convincing season opening win over the Mercury, 30-8.

Shannon Smith had six points while Shannon Semenza and Christina Fernandez scored four each for the Lynx.

Josephine Saiz led the Mercury with six points and Lisa Petrowski had two.

Intermediate Division

Eagles 18, Wildcats 14

The first game of the season was a well matched one. Both teams played tough defense. While the lead kept going back and forth between both teams it was ultimately the Eagles that came out on top with an 18-14 victory, but not without a fight.

The Wildcats proved to be a tough team. Brianna Lynch played excellent defense, while Nicole Chaet and Nicole DePierro both played hard offense. Marissa Harrington, Brittney Pachucki, Hannah Culwell, Mariah Culwell and Krista Mignon all contributed defensively, offensively and assisted in many key passes which lead to the teams victory.

Nicole DePierro led the Eagles scoring with six points while Nicole Chaet, Mariah Culwell and Brianna Lynch added four each. Brittney Pachucki added two points.

For the Wildcats, Meredith Bonugli scored 12 points while Melissa Cordwell and Catherine Loiselle scored two each. The team got great defense from Emma Doherty, Linda Ferriera, Catherine Loiselle, April McDermott and Molly Tibbetts, as well as great rebounding by Emily Hamilton and Lauren Texiera. Defensive Player of the Game was Melissa Cordwell.

Terriers 22, Tar Heels 6

Sheri Liggiero scored eight points and Francesca Pesantes added six as the Terriers came up with a strong defensive effort and topped the Tar Heels, 22-6.

Shannon Lavargna added four points for the Terriers and Aleska Pena and Taylor Simas scored two each.

The Tar Heels faced a tough Terrier team in the season opener and lost 22-6. Rachel Pendleton led the way with four points while Abby Donoghue contributed two points and played outstanding tenacious defense. Alex Mechernany, Jennifer Iannacci, and Maggie Middleton showed great hustle and did a good job on the boards.

Kristi Hiltz and Kelly Bowers played well defensively.

Waves 30, Wolverines 22

The Waves had to battle back from a four point fourth quarter deficit to defeat a tough Wolverines team. The Waves were lead by Kaylyn Michaud (11 points), Tiffanie Marsh (11 points), Kim Brekalis (4 points) and Allie Tierney (4 points). Defensive player of the game was Kristen Walker. Great job by both teams to open up the season.

The Wolverines scoring was led by Jessie Bissett with eight points, while Christine Kang and Shana Chartienitz added four each. Meghan Ashley added three and Jen Salvucci chipped in with two.

Huskies 14, JayHawks 11

Alyssa Guida scored six points while Caitlin Morris and Jamie Flynn added four each and Rachel Hurton scored two to lead the JayHawks to a 14-11 win over the Huskies.

Great rebounding and defense by the JayHawks made the difference. The team handled the press well in the second half and came away with the win. Sarah Hogan was named defensive Player of the Game.

Amanda Cossar led the Huskies with six points while Nicole McColgan added four and Ashley Pozzuto hit a free throw.

Cardinals 36, Cougars 10

It was a great start for the Cardinals, who were strong on both ends of the floor, with all ten Cardinal players scoring at least two points. Amy DeFrancesco led all scorers with ten points while Katherine Stimpson and Haley Callahan added six each. Lilly Burgoyne scored four points while Danielle Hopkinson, Stephanie Evangelista, Emily Whelan, Erin Plunkett and Mikayla Hodgson scored two each.

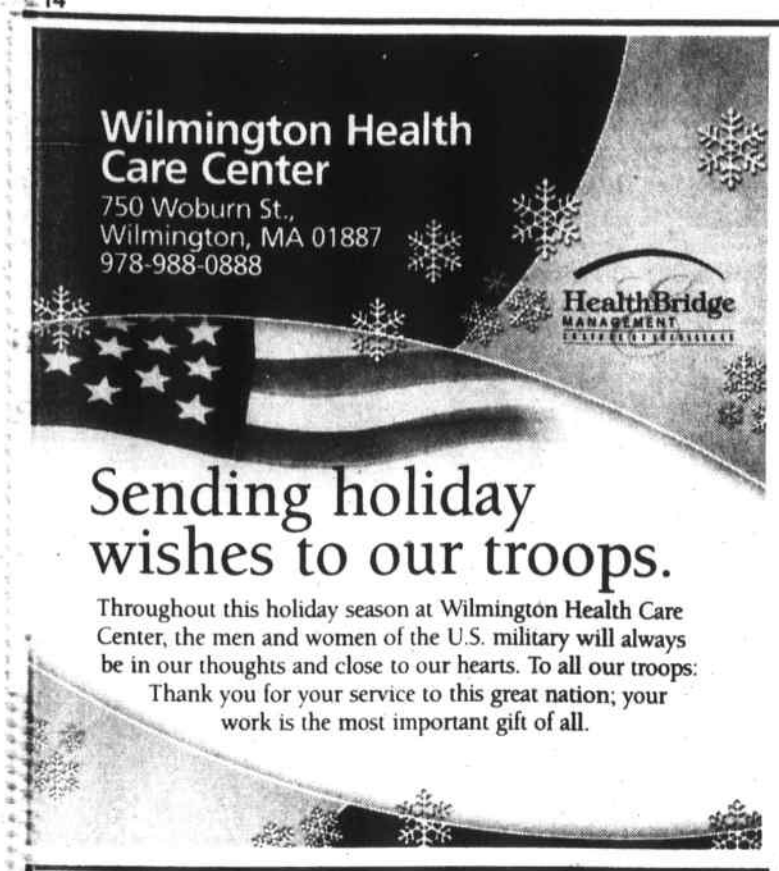
The Cougars got a good defensive effort from Jen Cawley and Ashley DellArriprete, as well as great rebounding from Emily Fugate, who led the Cougars with eight points. Amy D'Entremont (two points) and Samantha Campbell hustled throughout the game.

Falcons 21, Crusaders 10

After a close first half, the Falcon's pulled away for a 21-10 win against a competitive Crusaders team. Sparking the Falcons, was the fiery defensive efforts of Emily Hartigan along with Katie Gravallese, Kelsey Damp, Jennifer Joyce, and Melissa Peters. Leading the offensive effort was Siobhan Coleman (four points), Marisa Reese (two points), Courtney Spinelli (eight points), and Hayley Malone (seven points).

The Crusaders took an early lead on the Falcons and battled the entire game.

High scorers for the Crusaders were Meghan Sears and Devin Kelly both with four points each and Rachel Taylor with two points. The entire team played a great defensive game with Meaghan McLaughlin taking on the toughest defensive assignments.



Sending holiday wishes to our troops.

Throughout this holiday season at Wilmington Health Care Center, the men and women of the U.S. military will always be in our thoughts and close to our hearts. To all our troops: Thank you for your service to this great nation; your work is the most important gift of all.

Tewksbury residents...

Regional Immunization Clinic

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Board of Health in conjunction with the Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell, Tyngsboro and Westford will be holding a regional immunization clinic. This clinic will be providing:

Flu shots to ages 6 months of age and up, for those residents 65 years and older, please bring your Medicare and HMO card;

Pneumonia shots to 65 years of age and older; and

Tetanus shots to 18 years of age and older.

Wednesday January 10, 2007
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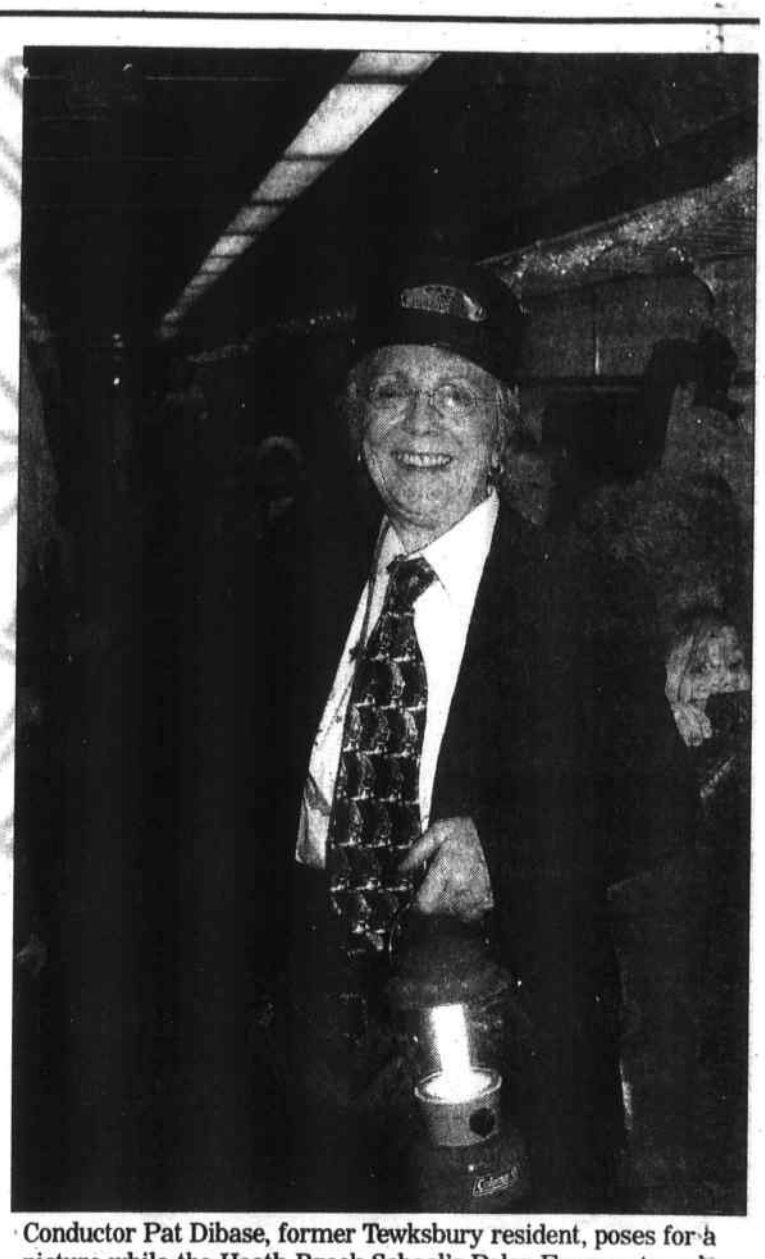
Anyone allergic to eggs or egg products and that is ill can not take the flu vaccine.

For more information call the Tewksbury Health Department information line at 978-640-4481. Please do not call the school.



Conductor Pat Dibase, former Tewksbury resident, poses for a picture while the Heath Brook School's Polar Express travels to the North Pole this past Saturday. The annual fundraiser was a huge success again this year.

Photo by Kelley Ciampa

Shawsheen Tech Honor Roll

Superintendent-Director Charles Lyons has announced that the following **Wilmington** students have achieved honor roll for the first marking period at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School for the 2006-2007 school year.

High Honors

Grade 10: Joshua Weaver. **Grade 11:** Shayla Kelley. **Grade 12:** Jessica Silva.

Honors

Grade 9: Matthew Bocchino, Krissy Cafua, Richard Carbone, Daniel Comeau, Brittany Cremens, Brandon D'Arcangelo, Nicholas Danas, Conor Dunn, Michael Federico, Ryan Hunt, Nicole Iosue, Patrick Magee, Daniel McCauley, William Reynolds, Jesse Rossetti, Salvatore Sicari III, Michael Terk, Jesse Turner, Alfred Vellucci. **Grade 10:** Ashley Antico, Jason Baker, Dillon Biase, Adam Brown, Kerrianne Doherty, Christopher Feindel, Patrick Gedaminsky, Jayce Humes, Ashley Lynch, Andrew Maga, Shayna O'Connell, Andrew Puccio, Ryan Savini, Vanessa Spada, Ashley Valente, Stefani Warnick, Cristina Zappala. **Grade 11:** Ashley Ballou, George D'Amelio, Ryan Fahey, Christopher Kavanaugh, Breanne Kindred, Ashley Marchesi, Robeert McIsaac, Julianne McKenna, Erica Parsons, Christine Picanso, Stephen Tello, Kaila Walsh, Stephanie Walsh, Steven Wamboldt, Tyler Watroba, Sarah Webber. **Grade 12:** Christopher Bocchino, David Butler, Mark Damplo, Kimberly James, Sheila Johnson, Jessica Kindred, Elisa Marinella, Danile Metcalfe, Matthew Regan, John Saloka, Jaclyn Smith, Samantha Smith.

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Wilmington Firefighter Al Muse helped collect toys donated by Shawsheen Elementary School students. The Fire Department will distribute the toys to needy children living in Wilmington. Justine Surette, Sarah Klucznick, and June Gibbons were just a few of the Shawsheen students to line up with donations.

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No one wants to be S.A.D.D. this time of year

Every year, more than 16,000 people die in impaired driving crashes. Because one person dies every 33 minutes and one person is injured every two minutes, the Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter at Wilmington High School would like to encourage safe driving during the holiday season.

Friday December 22 is Lights on for Life Day. The students of S.A.D.D. ask the Wilmington community to drive with headlights on throughout the day. Through this campaign, we hope to recognize victims of impaired driving as well as remind the public that these crashes are preventable. We hope to see lots of headlights shining on the 22nd.

Lindsay Clark

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. on the request of Inheritance LLC, d/b/a The Bury, by Robert Taylor, Manager, to transfer all alcoholic beverage restaurant license to Tusk, Inc., d/b/a Martino's Pasta Grill by Alex Klimarchuk, Manager, on premises described as one floor, 4500 sq. ft. premises with three entrances/exits in the front and two entrances/exits in the rear located at 1721 Main Street. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA.

Input is welcome from the public. The Board of Selectmen recommends that comments be submitted in writing, to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noon time Friday, December 29, 2006.

Charles E. Coldwell
Chairman
12.20.06 Board of Selectmen
5539

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 06P5444AD1
In the Estate of
TIMOTHY FRANCIS LEE
Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death November 6, 2004
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that GERALDINE PONDELLI of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed administratrix of said estate to serve with sureties.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 5, 2007.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS. ESQUIRE, Acting First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, December 11, 2006.

12.20.06 John R. Buonomo
5537 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-T and 81-U, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 8:45 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the application of Carl Crupi, 10 Elizabeth Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 concerning the Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled: "Definitive CSD Plan, Heritage Pines, Wilmington, Mass." dated: November 15, 2006; Scale: 1" = 40'; Professional Engineer: Christ P. Sparages, Hayes Engineering, Inc., 603 Salem Street, Wakefield, MA 01880; property located on 278 & 282 Shawsheen Avenue and shown as Assessor's Map 22 Parcels 2 & 3. The proposed subdivision contains nine (9) buildable lots.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

12.13.06 Michael Sorrentino,
12.20.06 Chair
5529 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 28, 2006 at 7:05 p.m.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **MAPPS Realty Trust & The Mirabella QDOT Trust** for variances from Section 5140, 5170, 5171, 5180, 5252a, 5252b, 5411, 5421, 5426, 5431, Appendix B and Special Permit from Section 3630 of the Zoning Bylaws. Applicant proposes to demolish building at 846 Main Street, construct a 252 sf addition to existing bakery, add parking, a drive thru service window and attach secondary signs on both sides of the building:

Said property is located at 836-846 Main Street, Assessors Map 48, Lots 29 and 30, zoned Commercial.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm .

Robert A. Stephens
Chairman
12.13.06,12.20.06 5530

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2006 Town Report of the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

Mark each envelope: "Bid on 2006 Town Report to be opened at 11:00 a.m., January 17, 2007."

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

Michael A. Caira
Town Manager
12.13.06,12.20.06 5520

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2007-2008 Calendar for the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

Mark each envelope: "Bid on 2007-2008 Calendar to be opened at 11:30 a.m., January 17, 2007."

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Michael A. Caira
Town Manager
12.13.06, 12.20.06 5519

Boston Celtics and RE/MAX of New England announce the second year of the

'Home Court' Program

BOSTON - The Boston Celtics and RE/MAX of New England announced today the launch of the second year of the RE/MAX of New England Home Court Program. The Home Court Program will award a lucky Celtics fan in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island with a home basketball court renovation and community clinic with a Celtics player.

Fans can enter by submitting a 500-word essay along with photos explaining why they need a "home court makeover." The three lucky fans chosen will get their home basketball courts made over, starting with a driveway or court resealing, a brand new basket stanchion, backboard, electronic scoreboard, a ball rack and other Celtics-themed items. In addition to the hoop makeover, the Celtics will conduct a youth basketball clinic to be held in the community of each winner after completion of the renovations.

"The inaugural year of the RE/MAX Home Court Program demonstrated that together RE/MAX and the Celtics can make a positive impact with the families and communities selected for makeovers," Rich Gotham said, Celtics Chief Executive Officer. "The Celtics are thrilled to team up with RE/MAX of New England, and we plan to make the second year this unique and interactive program an even bigger success."

A special selection committee consisting of local media members, RE/MAX employees and Celtics staff will determine the winner of the contests in each state. Entry forms are available online at www.celtics.com <http://www.celtics.com/> . The deadline for entries is March 9, 2007.

"We had three great makeover events last year and look forward to awarding three more Celtics fans with a brand new home court," RE/MAX of New England Vice President Jay Hummer said. "RE/MAX of New England is proud to once again partner with the Celtics in this exciting community initiative."

About RE/MAX of New England

RE/MAX of New England is affiliated with RE/MAX International. Since its inception in 1986, RE/MAX of New England has grown to over 295 offices with 4,000 sales associates throughout Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, providing residential and commercial real estate, as well as relocation and referral services. RE/MAX of New England's Internet web address is www.greathome-sne.com.

About The Boston Celtics

A charter member of the Basketball Association of America (which evolved into the National Basketball Association) since 1946, the Boston Celtics have won a record 16 NBA Championships, including eight (8) in a row from 1959-1966, and have won NBA titles in three different eras. In addition, 31 former Celtics players, management or staff have been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. In December 2002 the team returned to local ownership for the first time since 1963. During the 2004-05 NBA season, the Celtics won their first Atlantic Division title in 12 seasons. For more information on the Celtics, log on to www.celtics.com.

Financial aid night for college bound seniors

Want to learn how to pay for college? Join us for a college financing seminar on Thursday, January 4, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Shawsheen Valley Regional Technical High School. A representative from MEFA will discuss various aspects of financing a college education including the financial aid application process, searching for scholarships, understanding how aid is calculated and awarded, and other financing including payment plans and loan programs. Admission is free and further information/directions may be obtained by calling Terry Henry at (978) 671-3616.

Eric Giardina graduates Army Advanced Training School

Army Pfc. Eric P. Giardina has graduated from the Small Arms/Artillery Repairer Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform direct and general support maintenance and repairs on small arms and other related infantry weapons, such as shoulder-fired weapons, handguns, machine guns, mortars, and towed artillery.

Giardina is the son of Edward Giardina of Bemis Circle, and Judith Hartsgrove of Heritage Drive, both of Tewksbury, Mass.

The private is a 2005 graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School.

No, that's not Elton John. It's Morgan DiBenedetto, a student at Wilmington's Shawsheen Elementary School performing in a holiday concert with the 2nd graders on Friday.
Photo by Maureen Lamoureux

Claire Crowley of Tewksbury left a Christmas grab by the tree for one of the members of the Tewksbury Piece Makers, the local quilting guild. Their holiday celebration was held at the United Methodist Church in Wilmington last week. Photo by Maureen Lamoureux

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The Ghost of Christmas Past

FROM PAGE 1

At home, we celebrated Christmas much more quietly. Every year, we would go out to the edge of the woods and cut a small white pine. I can remember thinking that our tree was different than those of our friends, kind of like Charlie Brown's, but what a great time we had, choosing and cutting the tree!

We would take the tree to the fire station, where the firemen would spray it with a fire retardant solution, made with Borax.

Our Christmas tree stand was simply two boards and a spike. The ornaments were mostly ones that we would carefully pack away. Occasionally new ones were added to replace those we broke. We would string popcorn. Once my brother Peter started school, we would make chains of colored paper loops. The fanciest part of our decorations was a string of Noma bubble lights. We would sit and watch, waiting for the first one to bubble.

One other treat we had at Christmas was making cookies. Our mother always involved us in such projects, and we became adept at rolling out dough and cutting shapes such as trees, stars and reindeer. Once they were baked, well, of course, they had to be tested.

We would each get one present from our parents, and would exchange presents with our brothers. There would probably be one or two other presents from relatives. And that was it. Depending on our age, the presents might be something like a top, a board game, or a truck. Eventually we moved up the ladder and got electric trains, an erector set or a chemistry set. One year, Aunt Sylvia was stationed in Germany, and she sent us each a drafting set, quite nice.

We lived two doors away from our maternal grandparents, and after breakfast, we'd head over to open more presents there. Again, each of us got one present. We'd have Christmas dinner with them. Grammy Norton was a wonderful cook. Their tree was much like ours, as we'd cut both of them.

In the afternoon, we'd head back down Glen Road to visit our paternal grandparents. The Christmas decorations there were always very Scandinavian, as our grandmother had a Swedish gift shop in her living room. There would be wooden Christmas tree candleholders, brass items, lots of paper decorations and crocheted items. I still have a string of paper Tomte (elves) that were hers. Grandpa Pete would sit in his chair and smoke his pipe, always happy to have a grandson or two on his lap to listen to stories.

Of course, Grandma Caroline would bake a cake and lots of cookies. Aunt Bernice and Uncle Ernest Anderson would come over from next door. Ernest took over the duty of making Gløgg, and would take some to work. During the holiday season, security at the plant would watch for people bringing in alcoholic beverages. The security guards would ask what was in the jar. "Oh, just some prunes," Ernie would say, not mentioning that they had been soaked in booze.

Sometime during Christmas week, we'd go over to Wildwood Street to visit our Norton cousins. They had grandparents who would splurge and the dining room would be awash with toys. I remember Cousin David getting a large dummy thing, weighted on the bottom, so when you hit it, it would bounce back up.

That visit would always make us complain that we wanted more toys for Christmas, but the complaints never brought any results.

We never went hungry and we always had good clothes and especially good shoes. But when it came to Christmas, we were never spoiled.

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New Year's resolution with a worldwide focus

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tents or wherever people invite them to stay. They serve partner ministries that are caring for the marginalized of this world.

This will be the fourth shared missions trip for Wilmington residents Scott and Linnea Molgard. They have previously volunteered for weeklong missions to build an orphanage in Guyana, to feed the homeless in Katrina-ravaged New Orleans, and to provide domestic aid to disabled residents in upstate New York. What makes The World Race a bit more daunting is the extended duration and the fact that Scott and Linnea will be the only couple to participate in this topsy-turvy undertaking. That shouldn't be too much of a surprise for this adventure-seeking couple, who just eighteen months ago became the first pair ever to be married at the top of Wachusett Mountain.

Linnea should have anticipated that she was destined for a tour in missions when she married into the Molgard clan. Her husband, Scott, was born on the mission field in Cochabamba, Bolivia where his parents were missionaries from 1974 to 1976. Scott then grew up in Wilmington as an adventure seeker with an energetic spirit. He gravitated toward physical challenges and exercise-related activities. Scott played Wilmington football for nine years, spent several months hiking the Appalachian Trail and competed in amateur strongman competitions. Scott worked for several years with a moving company before receiving a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and becoming a personal trainer.

In his 20's, however, Scott realized that none of his life adventures were providing the fulfillment he wanted. He was looking for a greater purpose in life but nothing seemed to be worth putting it all on the line - that is, until Scott took his first missions trip to Tijuana with a group from Wilmington's First Baptist Church. Though Scott's heart for missions had started beating in Bolivia, the Tijuana experience was where he felt his heart came alive. He notes, "It was an incredible and life changing experience because it was the first time in my life I actually experienced what I believe God wants. I saw lives changed by the power of people serving God."

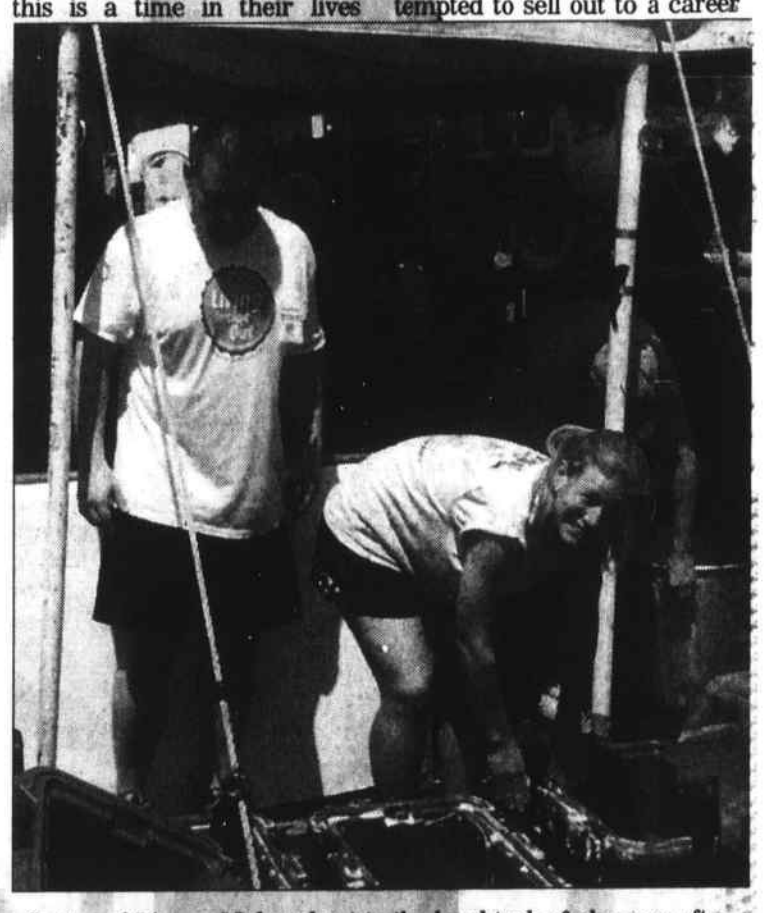
Scott's response to learning about The World Race was, "That's it, that's what I need to do!" For a guy who struggles to sit still in a pew every Sunday morning, The World Race seems to offer the perfect blend of missions, activity and adventure. Linnea's response, on the other hand, was tears. Linnea wondered whether giving everything up to move out of her comfort zone was really the intended purpose for her, too? To most young adults their age, this is a time in their lives focused on advancing careers, buying homes and starting a family. How could they just leave it all behind?

Through much prayer and consideration, Linnea finally came to the place where she decided to step out in faith and "just go." Linnea, who is a certified athletic trainer and has been employed as a physical education aide at Whittier Technical High School, finally settled into the picture of what lies ahead. When speaking about the upcoming experience to others she now notes, "Our generation is dying physically around the world of AIDS, famine and disease; while in the U.S., our generation is dying spiritually. You can see it by the decline in church attendance. Many U.S. Christians are focused on having the American Dream - where success is measured by things and comfort - but God wants us to use our resources (time, energy and money) to serve His purposes!"

Seth Barnes, the founder and visionary behind The World Race, agrees. He notes "The targeted 20s to 30s age group may be on a path that is too easy. Maybe they've been tempted to sell out to a career track and a lifestyle that doesn't or shouldn't define them. Maybe the versions of themselves that the world is starting to see is not the best one."

Scott concludes, "I believe The World Race provides a place where God can use us. We will need to trust Him for our provisions for the year and see what He does. And I expect who we are will be changed for an eternity."

While Scott and Linnea Molgard are out of the U.S. for 2007, you can track their daily log on the Internet through the www.theworldrace.org website.


Scott and Linnea Molgard get to the hard task of clean-up after serving 1000 meals per day to hungry volunteers, residents, and homeless in New Orleans during their Katrina relief effort last April. Courtesy photo

News from our Wilmington Middle School Correspondent...

Wilmington Middle School Student Council

By WILLIAM A. MacKINNON

Community service is not just for adults - it's for children of all ages, also. In the Wilmington Middle School, a group of eighth grade students volunteer time to improve the middle school and local communities. They meet every other Tuesday after school and discuss various activities ranging from school dances to food drives.

In 2006, the student council held its yearly food drive for the Wilmington Food Pantry and collected over 1300 items for the less fortunate. "The food drive is just one example of how the students work together for the betterment of the school and community," said Sue Schellenbach the advisor for the student council. "This year, we collected over 1300 items for the less fortunate in the Wilmington area."

Some of the other activities carried out by the student council include holding a winter coat drive, making gifts for senior citizens, working on Spirit Week for the entire school, bringing musical entertainment to nursing homes and helping at school dances. "The students are a great help at the dances serving food, running games and distributing prizes," offered sixth grade science teacher Brian Smith. "They are always punctual and polite to the staff and children at the dance."

The student council has been helping at dances and other activities for many years under Schellenbach's guidance. "This is my fourth year as advisor to the student council and the children have been great. I believe that we have accomplished many good things. All eighth grade students are welcome to join the student council-all they need is a signed permission form. The improvements that I would like to see on the student council are more time to meet and new projects to help the school and community."

Schellenbach, who is retiring at the end of the school year, would like to see the student council continue after she leaves the Wilmington Middle School. "My hope for the future of the student council would be that it continues to help the school and community and that the next advisor continues the tradition of student involvement in community service."

William MacKinnon is a sixth grader in the Discovery House of Wilmington Middle School. She is the first to take advantage of a Town Crier correspondence program initiated by Wilmington Middle School teacher Michael Mahoney, and enthusiastically agreed to by the Town Crier. We look forward to bringing our readers monthly installments of the series, in which Wilmington students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will report on the news of the day. Students interested in participating are encouraged to contact Mr. Mahoney in Room 125.

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Judge gives Crystal Commons the greenlight

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community at large.

Smith found that Devins, as a direct abutter to the project, had the presumption of standing in the matter, and thus had the right to appeal. Smith found that Miceli, who lives as far as 600-feet away from the project, did not have individual standing in the matter.

"Neither Devins nor Miceli has offered the necessary specific, credible evidence that they suffer individualized harm," Smith wrote. "Neither plaintiff claims an injury that is unique as to them. Therefore, both Devins and Miceli lack standing as to this issue."

Richard Tambone, the developer of the project, did not return a call for comment.

Miceli will be addressing the issue within the next couple of weeks.

"We will be sitting down with our lawyer right after Christmas," Miceli said. "OUr lawyer will explain all of the options available to us and then we'll decide where to go from there.

Background

The Crystal Commons proposal, in evolving stages, had appeared before various town boards for more than a year, including several BOA public hearings beginning in September 2005. On April 3, 2006, the BOA granted approval, by a 2 to 0 vote, for a comprehensive permit to Crystal Common.

BOA Chairman Charles Boyle and BOA member Edward Loud voted in the affirmative. BOA member Robert Doucette voiced reservations against the development, but chose to abstain rather than cast a vote against.

"I believe the applicant has addressed all the concerns of the Board and of the neighbors," Boyle said before casting his vote in April. "I'd like to see this property put into good use to benefit the town and provide affordable housing to the community."

Doucette cited a lack of sufficient water supply and the lack of MBTA approval for the developer's plan to construct a pedestrian walkway underneath the Route 62 bridge. According to Tambone, a plan addressing all of the MBTA's requests for such a walkway had been completed and would be submitted for MBTA review later that week. Tambone had previously assured the BOA that if the walkway were not completed before condominiums are, he would provide a vehicle to transport residents of the complex to and from the MBTA station.

Boyle stated that the developer had demonstrated a commitment to building the walkway and that he should not be penalized for the slow moving bureaucracy of the MBTA. Furthermore, Boyle stated that town officials had indicated that water supply would not be an issue.

Like Doucette, Loud was concerned by the water supply issues, but concurred with Boyle that the Board must rely on the opinion of the experts. Loud went so far as to commend the project's use of Smart Growth concepts.

"This is the 'smartest growth' this town has seen in years - you couldn't get any closer to the train," Loud said prior to casting his vote. "This developer has done everything this board has asked. The project was originally 153 units, now it is 108."

Miceli, along with a number of area residents, had opposed the project since its inception.

"When (Crystal Commons) opens you'll see the biggest traffic jam you've ever seen in this town," Miceli said immediately following the Board's vote. "When all the complaints about traffic come in, the Board of Appeals are the ones that residents should speak to."

Miceli's position has consistently been that a 108 housing unit development is far too much for an area that already suffers from heavy traffic congestion.

"I would oppose this project even if I didn't live in the vicinity," Miceli said immediately following the vote. "I have publicly opposed projects in neighborhoods in other parts of town."

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The class will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Winchester Hospital Conference Center, 41 Highland Avenue in Winchester. The cost is $130 for 20 classes. Please note there will be no classes on January 29th and March 12th. For more information or to register, please call Winchester Hospital's Community Health Institute at (781) 756-4700.

Firefighter Eric Nansel collected toys for Wilmington children at the Shawsheen Elementary School on Monday. Alexia Vieira helped carry the toys to the fire truck.

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Getting rid of the bug

Tewksbury students and staff recovering

By JAYNE W. MILLER

TEWKSBURY - Feeling sick to your stomach? You aren't alone. Last week the John F. Ryan School made news statewide when as many as 280 fifth and sixth graders, and 14 teachers, were out of school Friday with a mystery "stomach bug."

On Thursday Boston area television news crews reported that 185 students stayed home mainly due to the virus, with another 20 or so being dismissed throughout the day bringing the total over 200. The virus reportedly runs about 24-36 hours and may include a fever. Principal of the school, Kevin McArdle, and school nurse Marcia Osterman sent home a notice on Thursday explaining the outbreak and asking parents to follow some common sense guidelines so as to mitigate infections and re-infections leading up to the holidays.

"We didn't see it coming. On Wednesday absentee numbers began going up and on Thursday morning with the phones ringing constantly, we contacted the Board of Health," said McArdle this week. "The custodians started taking precautions that afternoon and evening after consulting with the Board, disinfecting the cafeteria, desks, bathrooms, everything. We also put up extra signs reminding kids to wash their hands."

"I was astounded by all the press coverage," said McArdle, who spent most of his day Friday fielding requests from local television reporters. All the local news outlets covered the story at morning, noontime, and evening broadcasts including WCVB Channel 5, CBS4 Boston, WHDH Channel 7, Fox 25 News, and the former Channel 56 as well as local radio and print media.

For McArdle, this is his first time seeing such a remarkable outbreak in school. "We've had the respiratory flu in the middle of winter before. Not as many kids were out then, but those that were sick were out longer."

Children in other schools have come down with the stomach virus, but not nearly in the numbers seen at the Ryan.

"Our numbers (for absenteeism) went up a little but were within normal range for cold and flu season," said George Paul, Principal of the L. D. Trahan Elementary School. "Custodial staff will take extra precautions while disinfecting around the school."

"We have no sense of why the Ryan was hit so hard," said Dr. Christine McGrath, Superintendent of Schools. "Everybody is trying to see if we can come up with some connection. We had a production at the Ryan on Monday with 80 performers. At the High School there was a holiday concert over the weekend that may have reintroduced that bug."

The schools are asking that parents keep feverish children home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of over the counter analgesics and to remind kids to wash their hands frequently. The school also advises keeping children home from school for 24 hours after having vomited, stating, "your children should have a day of normal eating patterns before returning to school."

"Hopefully implementing these measures will reduce the infection and re-infection of students and staff and we will be healthy so as to enjoy the upcoming holidays," stated the parental notice.

It appears to have worked. As of Monday officials noted results.

"(We have had) great improvement in the enrollment at the Ryan," McGrath said. "280 out on Friday, and 100 today."

McGrath also noted that absenteeism was up "a little bit" at the High School and at the Wynn Middle School on Monday.

Tuesday morning began with about 50-60 students absent, which is normal for the school of 785 students and 55 permanent faculty members.

"We had great support from the department of public health here in the town, great leadership by the Superintendent, great work by the custodians and strong support from the staff," said McArdle. "With fourteen teachers out and not enough subs the staff came together to make sure that all the kids had a teacher in front of them. Everyone as a learning community came together in a brilliant way."

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The Town Crier's

Female Athlete of the Year: Brianne Bozzella

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It's very difficult to find such a nice kid, with a terrific personality and who is as down to Earth and as friendly as Brianne Bozzella. But personality doesn't win you the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year award.

This award is determined on the field, the track and on the basketball court where Bozzella is on her way to earn 11 varsity letters while being a three-sport captain.

And this past calendar year she was a league all-star in soccer after leading the team in scoring. She was the point guard on the basketball team that had its been season in over a decade. And she was a versatile athlete on the track-and-field team which included participating in the mile and triple jump, as well as being a part of a school record in the 4x400 relay team.

While her speed and athleticism certainly plays in a big part in her success, her hard work and her competitiveness is second to none.

"She's like a rocket ship that just goes off," said girls basketball coach Jay Keane. "She's just phenomenal. What a competitor. And even in practice she's diving on the floor. She just goes all out, 100 percent every single time."

Added spring track coach Tom Bradley, "She is a very worthy athlete of the year. Brianne excels in three different sports and that is not easy. I have found her to be a hard worker."

Dribbling into a role

During her freshmen and sophomore basketball seasons, Bozzella was sometimes a starter, sometimes a sixth player off the bench, sometimes a scorer, sometimes a person who struggled and turned the ball over too much and sometimes a player who just needed a boost of confidence. The basketball teams struggled to stay over .500 during those two seasons and she needed to be a little bit more consistent in all ends of the floor while trying to gain the experience she needed to reach that point in her game.

Then came junior season. The Monday after last Thanksgiving everything started over for the girls program and especially Bozzella. After playing some point and some shooting guard, Bozzella was implemented as the permanent point guard by Keane, who was coming in as the new coach.

"Last year I put the ball in her hands and I said 'hey you run the show' and she didn't let us down," said Keane.

And that's what he did. He let her know that first she is the full-time starting point guard, who'll be looked upon for a much bigger role on the team. She had to control the team's offense, bring the ball up the floor and set up the half court offense, especially finding a way to get the ball in the low and high post to her good buddy Ashley Vitale, a two-time all-conference selection.

In addition to that, Bozzella had the tough chore of being the commander on the very tough and stingy full-court press defense. She was the one at the top of the diamond press, running everywhere on the court, causing havoc, pestering other guards and forwards, and coming away with several big steals during the course of a game which led to easy baskets, and then of course victories.

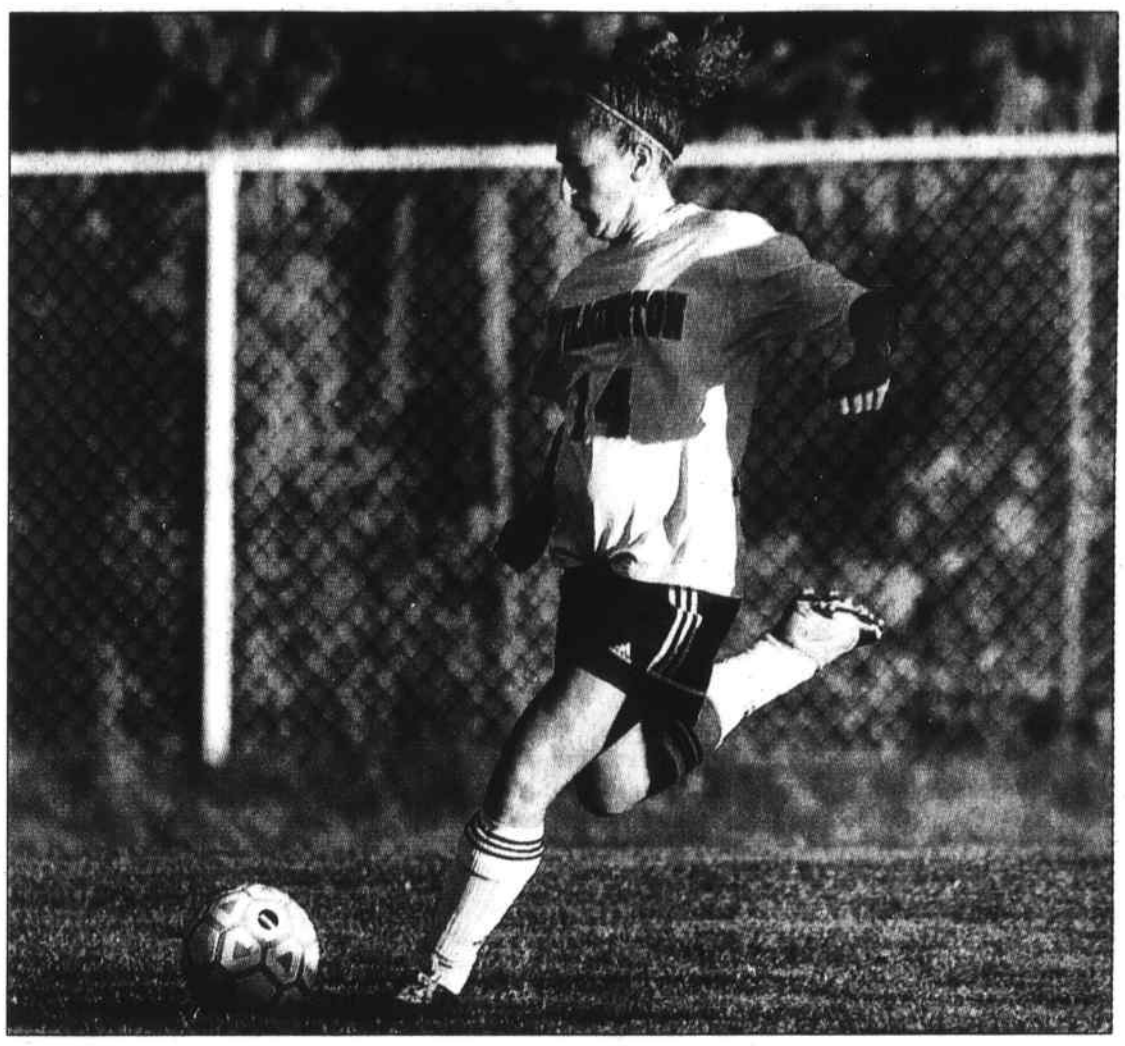
While she did all of that – bringing up the ball, hustling all over the court, and playing tough defense – she would also come up with a handful of clutch three-pointers or jump shots. Her game, her style, her confidence and her ability to excel in every aspect on the floor really came into its own from last December to this past March. She was a huge factor in the team's 17-5 season, coming after the team finished 8-12 during her sophomore campaign.

"We had a new coach so no one knew what to expect," she said. "But we had a good preseason and then we started to win some games and coach was great all year. So I would say that we had a pretty good season."

That they did. It just seemed like a new team was born from day one until the team was eliminated in the second round of the state tournament by Cape Ann League rival, Ipswich.

"It was a much better season than (the 2004-'05 season)," said Bozzella. "After that season, the expectations weren't that great but we were returning four of the starters and we had a couple of new players who stepped up. It was the whole team. Everyone had positive attitudes every single day. There was no one there bringing us down and everyone played together as a team."

The Wildcats started off very strong winning eight of its first nine games before losing two in a row. But then the team rallied back strong for another winning streak which included a monstrous home victory against Lynnfield. Playing against a team that was led by all-scholastic Shae Fitzpatrick -- who is now playing at Brown University – the Wildcats, in particular Bozzella, stole the show. The Wildcats stormed out to a 21-0 lead against a team that came into the game with a 7-1 record. Bozzella scored the game's first three field goals and went on to score 20 first half points as the 'Cats took a commanding 36-12 halftime lead. She ended up scoring a career high 22 points nailing every shot in sight.



Wilmington High senior Brianne Bozzella, excelled on the soccer field, the basketball court and on the track earning her this year's Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year award.
(file photo)

While she normally finished with 8 to 12 points a game, with several games in the high teens and several games with just three or four points, she did her part and then some of distributing the ball to not only Vitale, but several other talented offensive players including Stephanie Sauve and Alyssa Browne.

"I kind of new that I would be filling those (point guard) shoes and they were large shoes to fill," she said. "Lani (Cabral-Pini) was a great point guard. But I was ready for it. I think I did OK. I'd like to be more consistent (scoring) but I don't really care about points and how many baskets I score. I just dribble the ball and then try to feed it Ashley or whoever is open."

Just several weeks after that big game against Lynnfield, Bozzella and the rest of the her teammates stood on the parquet floor during the National Anthem of two home state tournament games. Wilmington first defeated Stoneham in the first round of the Division 3 North sectional tournament, before being ousted by Ipswich. The win against Stoneham was the first tournament victory for the program in 12 years.

"That was awesome," she said. "I don't even remember the last time the program had won a state tournament game. It was just awesome. Just to make it to the state tournament was something but to get there

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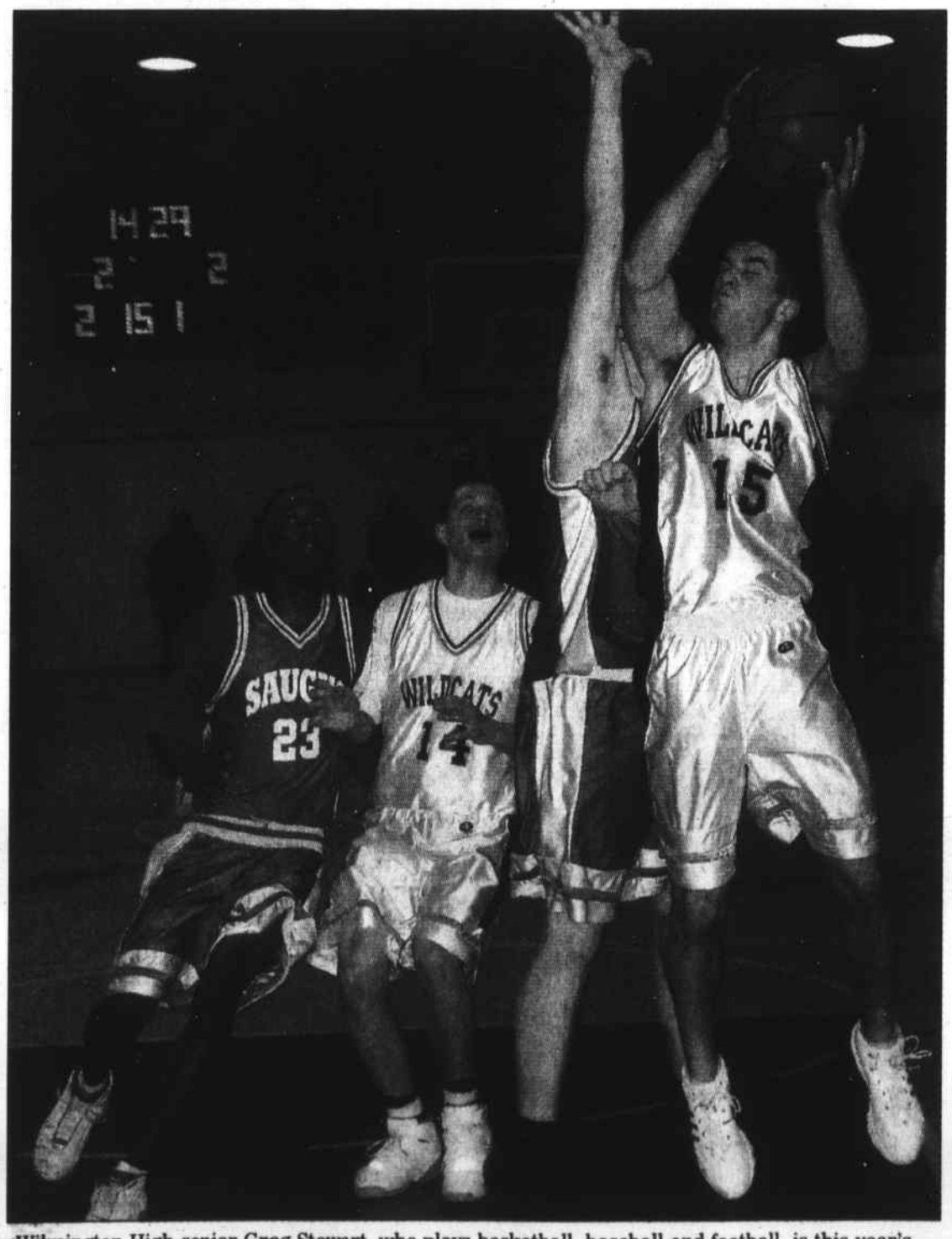
The Town Crier's

Male Athlete of the Year: Greg Stewart



Wilmington High senior Greg Stewart, who plays basketball, baseball and football, is this year's Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year. (file photo)

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Back in March before a standing room only crowd on the home Cushing gymnasium floor, the Wilmington High boys basketball team hosted a very good Watertown team in a second round Division 3 North sectional state tournament matchup.

With 3:25 to go in the game, the 'Cats were trailing by seven points until Greg Stewart single handily got the team back into it. He sank consecutive field goals cutting the lead down to three, and then after a free throw by Watertown, he added another basket making it a two-point game with 45 seconds remaining in the game.

But forty-three seconds later, Watertown had the game won after hitting a three-pointer and following it with a free throw. After star player Maxwell Kerman nailed the free throw with a second left on the clock making the score 54-47, he did a little showboating and Stewart didn't like it. The junior dropped his shoulder into Kerman, who hit the parquet floor and the entire crowd saw it. Stewart was called for a flagrant foul, but it didn't matter at the time as the game and the Wildcats' season was over.

Now nine months later, Stewart reflects upon that moment, admitting his emotions got the best of him.

"That kid was a trash talker and he was saying some stuff," said Stewart. "I actually shut him down in the second half but (making contact with him) was the only thing that people remember from that game. He didn't score a field goal in the entire second half. No one comes in and struts around on our floor like that. If you saw he was dancing all around the court. I wasn't going to let anybody do that especially to our seniors. That was their last game and I don't think any of those seniors deserves someone doing that to them on their own court.

"I mean if I could do it all over again ... I don't know. I didn't like the consequences. I got yelled at and I know I deserved it. My Mom actually didn't see it because she had turned away but I got spoken to by my father and also Coach (Jim) McCune."

Greg Stewart is an athlete. He can jump with the best of them. He can run very fast, he hits people, he catches passes, plays great defense on the basketball court and can earn a save with three strikeouts on the baseball diamond. He's an athlete for sure. But his make-up inbetween the lines is fascinating. He's as intense as they come. He hates to lose, he competes until the very last sweat drips off his forehand. He's confident but not cocky. If you line up on the other side of the ball, he'll make you pay for it.

That moment of knocking Kerman down was an exception. It could be said that Stewart was just acting out as a sore loser but that really wasn't it. Sure it wasn't the right thing to do. But the thing is Stewart loves Wilmington sports, his teams, his coaches and he'll do anything, anything to help his teammates get a goal, win a game, win a league title or get to the playoffs.

"He is intense and it does help our team," said McCune. "But you know what you don't want to be soft. And when I say that, I say that honestly. We need more people like him. I told the team that Greg will run through a wall for me and that's the kind of guys I want on my team."

"Oh Greg's very intense," said Wildcat football coach Bob Almeida. "And he really brings that intensity to every single game he plays. He's a very intense kid, who plays very hard, plays very physical and he's out on the football field because he wants to hit you.

"I remember we were scrimmaging Melrose (back in August) and they have this one kid, who is about 6-foot-8 and 300 pounds who is going to Duke University. We were concerned at that time because Greg had a concussion from last year and we didn't want him to be too aggressive especially with it being a scrimmage. But that kid from Melrose ran right at him and Greg took him on. The kid ended up swallowing Greg up but he was right there ready for the challenge - Greg went right after the kid. Greg enjoys the contact. He's an aggressive and confident kid."

Make-up a trait

Greg Stewart was asked about his intensity on the athletic fields, where he got that incredible make-up to be as tough emotionally and physically while playing all out every step

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Not the 'Cats Knight in home opener

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After defeating Masconomet Regional in the season opener, the young and inexperienced Wilmington High boys basketball team wanted to keep things rolling in the team's home opener on Friday night. But the only thing that was rolling was the ball in and out of the opposing net.

The Wildcats struggled shooting and moving the ball, while, North Andover put forth a very strong and aggressive defensive effort to walk off the Cushing Gymnasium floor with a 51-41 nonleague victory.

Wilmington is now 1-1 on the season.

"Our problems are we have to get out of the 1-on-1 kind of stuff, and get ball movement and player movement," said Wildcat coach Jim McCune. "Going into halftime, we had guys just running straight to the ball. If they didn't have it, they would run straight to it. We're trying to get them to go one way and then come back to the ball. That's the adjustment they have to make. We have to get better ball and player movement."

With two sophomores sharing the duty at the point guard position, and two other starters also new to the varsity line-up, McCune wants to keep things pretty simple especially early on this season.

"We're running a motion offense," he said. "I don't want these guys to have set plays. I want them to play the way they are suppose to play. We have some good athletes and having these guys think too much I think will take away their athleticism. I think if we can get these guys to play together our offense can be really effective."

Friday's game started out like gangbusters with both teams sharing a number of baskets back and forth. Wilmington had a 9-7 lead just four minutes into the game, before North Andover countered with a small 5-0 run to take a four-point lead.

But then the Wildcats struck back connecting on three straight perimeter shots, the first two on treys from Shawn Fahey and John Olivere, and the third on an outside jumper by Danny Patterson. His basket gave Wilmington a 17-13 lead with 9:10 remaining in the half. That was the last basket the 'Cats scored until sophomore Mike Manganelli nailed a buzzer beater three-pointer cutting North Andover's lead down to five at 25-20 at the break.

North Andover started the second half with a 6-0 run giving the Knights a double digit lead. Wilmington kept fighting cutting the lead down mostly to eight points until it was a six-point game with 4:50 to go. But a couple of missed shots and a key turnover kept Wilmington on the backburner while North Andover connected on a couple of field goals down the stretch to come away with the ten point victory.

"We're not really a cohesive unit right now," said McCune. "I know it and the guys know it. I told the kids today that we're going to get there but we just h eep working on it. What I was proud about was our effort. As bad as we played offensively, we still had a shot to win this game.

"We have a ways to go – half-court (offense) wise of where we want to be. In the second half I thought we got into more of what we wanted to do, creating easy shots and get the ball up the court. We're a long way away from where we want to be. This isn't a surprise to me. We have a lot of young guys. We are undersized. So it's going to take us a little bit. But we were competitive tonight. You could tell that they are a cohesive unit and that's where we would like to be.

"We have two young point guards. Both of them are sophomores. And we need the other four guys to help them out and get open. We're leaving those two kids out there with no one to pass too. We have to screen better off the ball and we have to cut to the ball much better.

"We can't straight line to the ball. If you straight line to the ball, anyone can guard you. We talk about two direction cuts all of the time, taking a cut one way, and then taking a cut the other way."

Greg Stewart led the way with 9 points, with 7 of them coming in the first four minutes of the game. John Olivere and Mike Manganelli each had 7 points.

"The kids showed a lot of heart," said McCune. "We had that group in there with Evan (Borseti), Matt (Brooks), Mike Manganelli, Mike Thomas and Danny Patterson and they are an undersized group but there were scrappy. I thought we got a lot of good minutes out of that group.

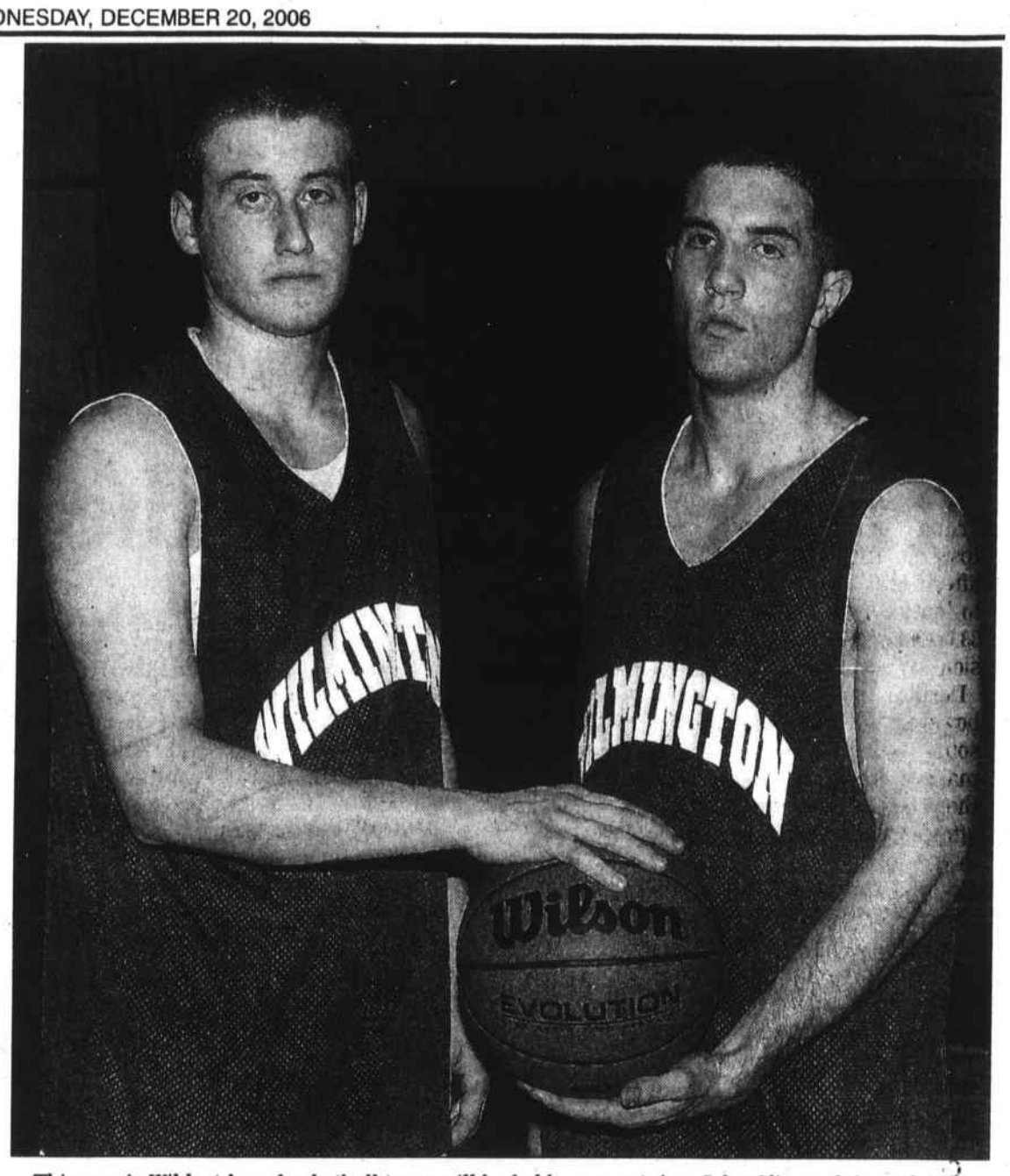
"What we're trying to figure out is our rotation. Right now playing eleven guys is too much. I'd like to get it to nine, ten tops.

"We have to go through the holidays, giving everyone a shot and after that we're going to see who is playing the most consistent and we'll go from there and settle in on a rotation."

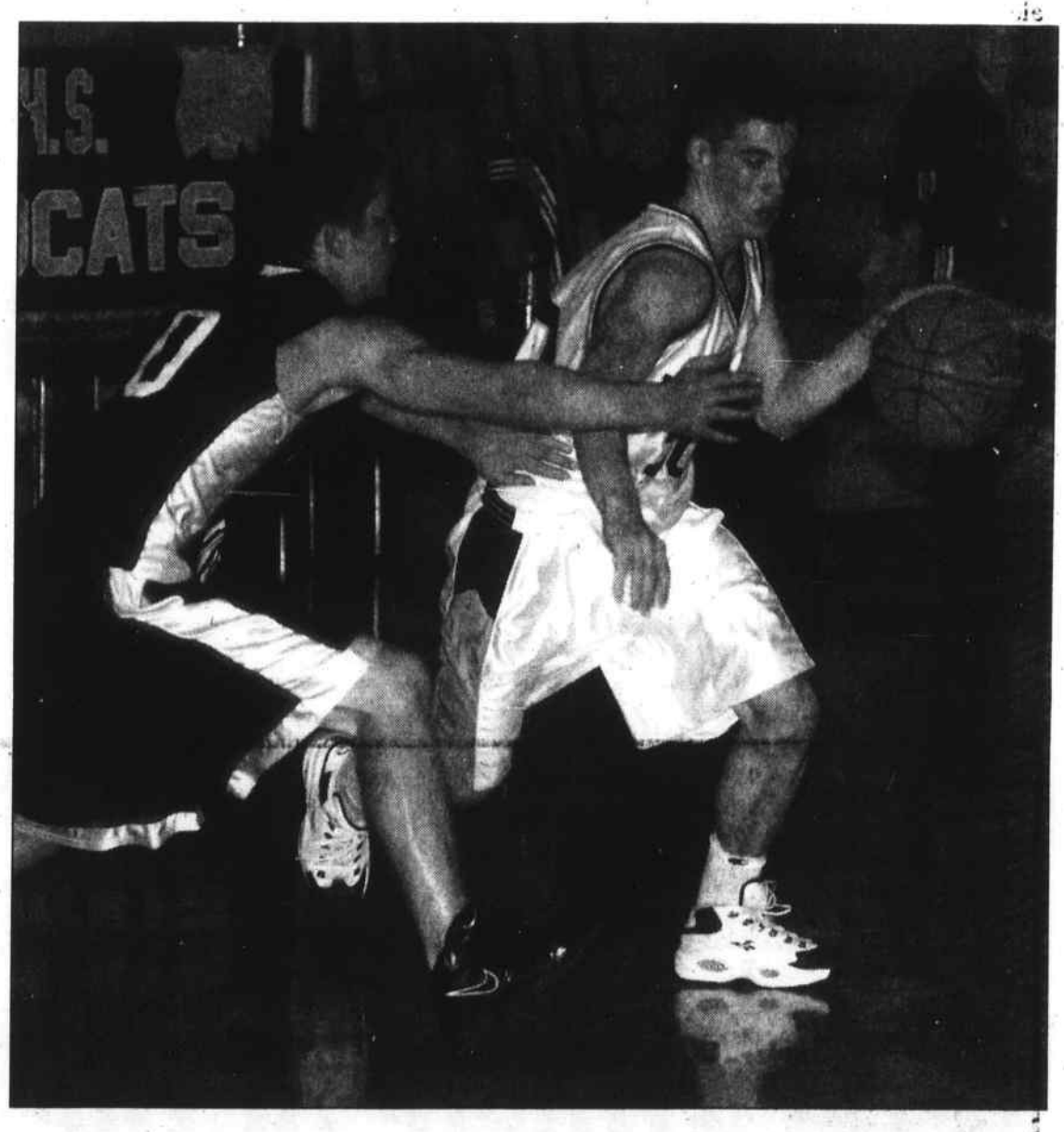
In the team's opener on Tuesday, December 12th, the Wildcats defeated Masconomet Regional, 58-46. Olivere and Stewart led the way combining for 31 points. Olivere sank in 17 points including three treys. Melillo chipped in with seven points in his varsity debut and Matt Bibeau added six points.

Wilmington is back in action with a home contest on Friday night against Lynnfield beginning at 7:00 pm. And then on the 27th and 28th, the annual Knights of Columbus/Larry McGrath Memorial Christmas Tournament will be held.

Wilmington will face Revere on Wednesday at 7:30 pm and then will face either Tewksbury or Burlington in either the final or consolation round on Thursday at either 6:00 (consolation) or 7:30 (finals).



This year's Wildcat boys basketball team will be led by co-captains, John Olivere, left, and Greg Stewart, right. (JoeBrownphotos.com)



Wilmington High sophomore point guard Craig Melilo dribbles the ball with a North Andover defender on him during Friday night's home opening loss to the Scarlet Knights. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Two locals named All-Scholastics

Congratulations goes out to two local athletes who have been named to both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic teams. Wilmington High senior Rich Barry led the football team to an 9-2 record which included a share of the Cape Ann League. The running back ended the season with 1,527 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns, which put him in a tie for the lead in the entire Division 2A Conference.

The second all-scholastic selection was Tewksbury High senior Sammy Macy. She led the Redmen to an unbeaten regular season, the 16-0-2 mark is the best in the program's history. The team went on to the Division 2 North sectional final, losing to Watertown in overtime. On the season, Macy was the Merrimack Valley Conference MVP, as she was the leading goal scorer with 30 goals and 8 assists which including post season play. She ended her brilliant field hockey career with 74 goals.

– JAMIE POTE –

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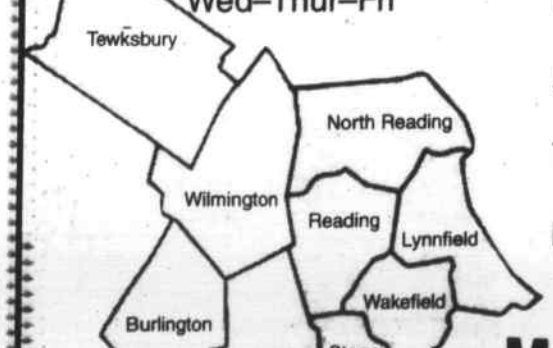

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Triton and Ipswich top Wildcats

Boys track team drops both meets in opener

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Wilmington High boys indoor track team saw their season get off to a bit of a rough start last week as they lost to both Ipswich and Triton in a tri-meet at Ipswich High last Tuesday afternoon. The Wildcats fell to Triton by a score of 51.5-33.5 and dropped a 45-41 decision to Ipswich.

Despite the pair of losses, however, the Wildcats did get some outstanding performances during the meet, and they got some more fine efforts on Sunday afternoon in the Winter Festival at the Reggie Lewis Center.

"I was happy with some of the things I saw, but obviously not happy with the results," Wilmington coach Bob Cripps said of the tri-meet. "We were missing our number one miler (Andrew Marra) due to illness and we had a few other things go wrong as well."

This year's Wilmington High boys track team will be led by its seniors: Front row from left, Harris Shaikh, Eric Russo, Mike Stewart, John Lippiello, Mike Golden and Brad Colegrove. The back row from left includes: Ryan Dooley, Sunny Marflett, Steve Crowe, Irvin Co, Chris Lyon, Jesse Belding and Shawn Fahey. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

One thing that certainly did not go wrong for the Wildcats was the effort of senior Mike Stewart. Stewart took first along with junior Tyler Calway in the 50 meter hurdles against Ipswich in a time of 6.2, which was also good enough to tie the pair for third against Triton.

"Mike is a good hurdler. He qualified for the states last season and he is coming on once again this season. We will work on the hurdles more in practice this week," Cripps said. "And Tyler has been coming on as well. He is getting better as we go along."

Senior Mike Golden won the 600 against Ipswich in a time of 1:31.9, which was good enough for second against Triton. Golden also won the overall high jump with a leap of 5-8.

"Mike did well," Cripps said. "We have come to expect it from him, but it is still good to see."

Junior Nate Clarkin qualified for the state meet in the shot put with a distance of 43-4.50. The distance was good for a first place finish against Triton and a third place finish against Ipswich. Nick Farnsworth finished second in the shot against Triton with a distance of 36-9.

While many veteran Wildcats stepped up and did their usual great job, Cripps was equally pleased to see the performances of some of his freshmen. Kevin Flaherty took second in the mile in a time of 5:38.7, while Tom Valente took second in the two mile with a time of 11:12. Jeff Kannally also had a good mile race, finishing in a time of 6:01.

"The freshmen have shown me a lot as far as their work ethic goes," Cripps said. "Going into the season I was concerned about our distance running so I worked them as if they were juniors or seniors. They had no time to just break into it. But they have worked hard and they have done well for us."

The Wildcats also got strong efforts from a pair of freshmen in the 1000, with Caleb Rogers and Joe Warren finishing in a time of 2:56.5. They followed sophomore Bobby Folk, who took second place in a time of 2:47.2.

Other strong efforts on the day were turned in by sophomores Tony Nelson and Jared Peters in the 55 meter dash. Nelson tied for first against Ipswich with a time of 5.1, while Peters tied for third against Triton in 5.3.

Eric Russo and Brad Colgrove took second and third, respectively, in both meets in the 300 meters. Russo finished in a time of 38.3 while Colgrove came in at 39.5. Colgrove also earned a third place finish in the high jump against Ipswich with a jump of 5-4. Senior John Lippiello took third in the 600 with a time of 1:32.4, while fellow senior Chris Lyon took third in the mile with a time of 5:58.3.

On Sunday at the Winter Festival Clarkin placed second overall in the shot put with a throw of 44-2.50

"Nate is improving," Cripps said. "I really think he could be in the 46' range this year. He could score in the state meet this season."

If Flaherty was impressive in his varsity debut during the tri-meet, he was even better at the Festival, as he ran the mile in a 5:07.96

"That's not bad for so early in the year," Cripps said. "He will be under five minutes this year."

Valente ran the two mile in 10:54.3, which was good enough to win his heat. Cripps was very impressed not only with Valente's time, but also with the way he ran his race.

"He ran a super intelligent race," Cripps said. "At the gun one guy just took off and Tom went with him and stayed with him for the first lap which they ran in 33 seconds. He stayed with him the rest of the way and then with a bout two laps left he just ran right past him and he sprinted across the finish line. He ran the last lap in 33 seconds as well."

Folk ran the 1,000 in a time of 3:01.49, while Rogers followed close behind in a time of 3:02.42.

The Wildcats next meet will be a tri-meet on Tuesday, December 26 against North Andover and Pentucket at North Andover High School.

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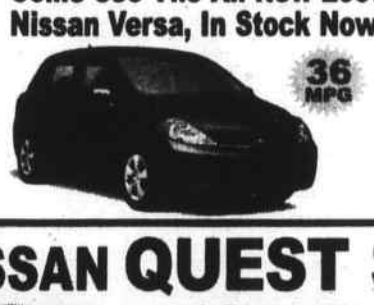

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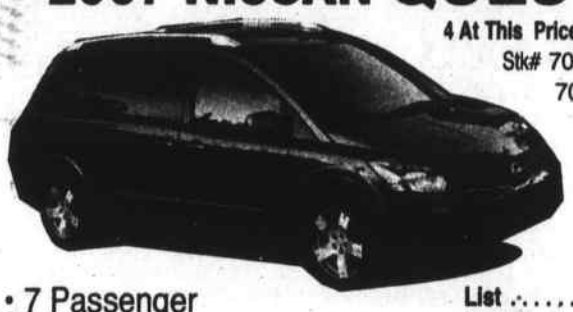

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Girls Hockey team gets revenge while staying perfect

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Seven years ago when the program first started, the Wilmington High School girls hockey team was embarrassed when it was defeated 19-1 to Lincoln-Sudbury. This past Saturday the Wildcats got their revenge against the same program that enjoyed running up the scoreboard.

Seniors Maria Tucker and Jessica Scioli each netted a hat trick, while Tucker added an assist, to lead the Wildcats to an 8-0, home opener victory held at the Ristuccia Exposition Center.

"It's a very gratifying win for both Kenny (DeMaggio) and myself," said Wildcat head coach Joe McMahon. "Some of the girls from last year's team like Jenn Corcoran and Katelyn Lynch were on that team when we lost 19-1 and they were in the stands (on Saturday) so it was nice for them to be a part of this gratifying win."

Wilmington got the scoring started very quickly scoring three goals in the first period and then adding two in the second and three more in the third period. Marie Pescatore, Scioli and Tucker scored all unassisted goals in the first period as the ŒCats took the 3-0 lead. Tucker scored her second unassisted goal at the 5:21 mark of the second period, before Scioli added her second with assists going to Tucker and Kristen Lussier.

In the third period, Scioli, Kelly Brandano and Tucker added to the scoring department, while, Lussier and Fiona Gately added single assists.

Goaltender Amelia Woodbury made all seven saves to record the shut out, while senior co-captain Lauren Heenan played very well on defense, enjoying the victory on her 18th birthday.

"The girls started off a little slower than I expected today but they still got the job done," said McMahon.

On Wednesday the Wildcats opened the season with a 7-2 road victory against Concord-Carlisle. Just two minutes into the game Sara Alonardo got the Wildcats on the scoreboard with an assist going to Heenan. Alonardo then set up Scioli to make it 2-0, before, Scioli nailed the game winner with 3:28 to go in the first period with a dish coming from Bridget Griffin.

Scioli and Griffin added the second period goals, and Alonardo and Pescatore scored the two Wilmington goals in the third period. Scioli and Tucker added two more assists each in the final two periods, while, goaltender Woodbury made 16 saves for the win.

"Against Concord-Carlisle the girls played good," said McMahon. "The passing and the skating was good. The girls are getting the job done. I'm very happy with the performance so far. They are coming along very well."

Wildcat boys hockey team splits first two games

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High School boys ice hockey team split its first two games of the season, falling to a strong Lynnfield team, 5-4, before beating Amesbury, 4-0, on Saturday to even the team's record to 1-1.

Lynnfield jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the season opener, before Wilmington calmed down and scored a goal to make it a two-goal deficit after the first period.

"I was surprised that we came out so nervous and jittery," said coach Steve Scanlon. "We have a lot of kids who have been playing varsity for two or three years, so I wasn't expecting that."

Trailing 3-0 Bryan Kelley got the 'Cats on the scoreboard with 2:55 remaining in the period with assists going to Shane Foley and George Boudreau.

The 'Cats played very well in the second period netting two goals to tie the game up, while holding Lynnfield to none. Tim Parker scored the team's second goal coming on the power play on an assist from Michael Enwright making it 3-2.

Then with five seconds left in the period, the 'Cats scored another goal on the man advantage as Enwright found the back of the net with helpers going to Eric Siegel and Parker. But on the ensuing face-off, Wilmington took a costly penalty, and Lynnfield had the man advantage to begin the third period. The Pioneers wasted no time netting a power play goal themselves just 23 seconds into the frame as Colin Daly was set up by Ryan Smith and Robert Pedicini.

Eight minutes later Lynnfield took a two goal lead, before Kelly scored his second goal of the game coming with 2:16 left, with an assist going to defenseman Zach Ciampa.

"We took out (goalie Mike Cabral) for the extra skater and we were storming them," said Scanlon. "We fought hard, we hit the post but couldn't get one in. But to be down 3-0 is too tough of a hole to dig yourself out of."

On Saturday, Wilmington defeated a weaker Amesbury squad, 4-0. The 'Cats scored two goals in the first period as Eric Siegel was set up by Zach Church on the power play, and then Enwright made it 2-0 on another power play goal with assists going to Church and Zack Ciampa.

Shane Foley scored an unassisted goal in the second period to make it 3-0, and then Ernie Mello did the same in the third period to put the nail in the coffin.

"We've been inconsistent across the board (in the two games)," said Scanlon. "In the net, on defense and up front. We can play better. We can play with anyone in the league, but we have to make up our minds if we want to do that."

Against Lynnfield, Kevin Fitzpatrick played inbetween the pipes and stopped all nine shots to record the shut out.

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Lady 'Cats struggling early on

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After a lackluster performance in the team's season and home opener, the Wilmington High girls basketball team continued to struggle until five minutes left in Friday night's game on the road against North Andover. Trailing by ten points, the Wildcats ended the game on a 17-0 run to come away with a 49-42 victory against North Andover.

"We're not playing well right now," said coach Jay Keane. "We're struggling. It wasn't until the final five minutes of that game before we started to play well. But once we got that momentum, they couldn't do anything to stop us. But we haven't been playing well at all, so we're looking to turn that around."

Part of the problem on Friday was two-time all league center Ashley Vitale played on ten minutes because of foul trouble including being called on a very questionable double foul late the second half which put her on the bench for the rest of the game. But that's when other players came through including junior Stephanie Sauve who scored 13 total points, including 11 in the second half. During a four second span, she scored a pair of baskets, the second coming off a steal just a moment after she sank a field goal.

Junior Alyssa Brown played every single minute of the game and put forth a strong effort with 14 points.

In the team's season and home opener held on Tuesday, December 12th, the Wildcats were defeated by defending Cape Ann League champion and defending Division 2 North sectional finalist Masconomet Regional, 65-47. Wilmington trailed by 10 points at halftime before the Chieftains opened the lead in the second half.

"We were like the Patriots against Miami, especially in the first half," said Keane. "We played awful. I think we had 30 total turnovers in the game. And as bad as we played we were still in it. We hung around for a while."

Trailing by six points with under a minute to go, Keane said that he took Vitale out because he thought she had two fouls. But a miscommunication, she only had one and by that time Keane figured it out Masco buried two baskets to push the lead to ten at halftime. The lead then opened up in the second half and the 'Cats could never get it back to single digits.

Vitale led all scorers with 20 points including eight field goals and also added 8 rebounds.

"Ashley is a very good player," said Masco coach Bob Romeo. "I was throwing all kinds of double teams at her and she still had 20 points. Wilmington is going to be a very good team once they get going."

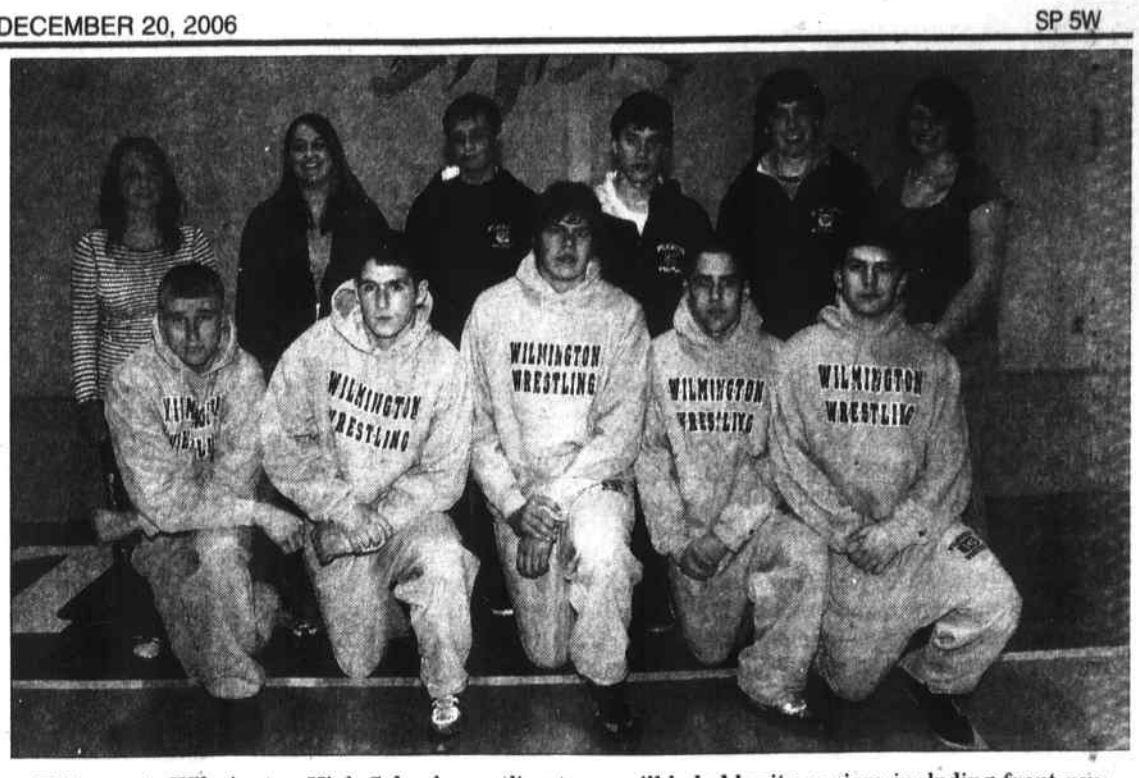
Sauve and Alyssa Brown each had eight points each as the trio (with Vitale) combined for all but 11 of the team's points.

Wilmington is on the road on Friday facing Lynnfield beginning at 7:00 pm. The Wildcats next home game is not until December 29th when they face Tewksbury.

CORRECTION: In last week's Town Crier, a preview on the Wilmington High girls basketball team appeared. However, inadvertently the story failed to mention a player on the team, senior Katie Sullivan, who is back for her second season on varsity.

"I'll be counting on Katie to play a lot," said Keane. "She has a good outside shot, so when teams play zone against us, we're going to need her to come in and shoot well to help us out. She provides great leadership and has that good outside shot so we'll be looking for her to help us a lot this season."

The Town Crier apologizes for the omission.



This year's Wilmington High School wrestling team will beled by its seniors including front row from left, Steve Souza, Josh Boudah, Nate Mercer, Kenny Adams and Kirk Wayshville. Back row from left: Managers Emily Clapp and Katie Phaup, wrestlers, Tyler Summers, John Tranfaglia and Cliff Hall, and Manager Michelle St. Aubin. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Sugrue takes top billing for grapplers

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Sophomore Steve Sugrue highlighted the Wildcats as he was crowned the champion of the 103-pound weight division during Saturday's annual Wilmington Sons of Italy wrestling tournament held over 11 hours at the Cushing Gymnasium.

Sugrue pinned Winchester's Conor Gregory at the 2:40 mark to celebrate his first of what should be many tournament championships this season.

Wilmington finished in 9th place with 73 points in the 12-team meet. Perennial state contenders North Andover and Winchester finished first and second with 216 and 187 points, respectively. Shawsheen Tech was third with a solid performance as the Rams scored 166 points.

Weston (145), Westford (139.5), Tewksbury (138.5), Dracut (118), Masconomet (87), Wilmington, Minuteman Tech (69), Haverhill (66) and Salem (50) rounded out spots four through 12. Westford is coached by former Tewksbury wrestling star Dave Shunamon, while, Minuteman Tech is coached by former WHS grappler Brian Tildsley.

Besides Sugrue, senior tri-captain Nate Mercer and John Tranfaglia were the lone other grapplers to post more than one win as Mercer went 3-2 out of the 275-pound division and Tranfaglia finished 2-2. Sean Furlong, Jimmy Maria and Kenny Joyce each picked up a win, while, Gott Saenchandi, Ryan Kennedy, Tony Valente, Dillon Halliday, Tyler Summers, Kurt Wayshville and Billy Liston all put forth strong efforts despite falling in both of their matches.

"I thought we did pretty well,"

WRESTLING PG SP9W

Baima and Russo help girls track team

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Sophomores Stephanie Baima and Natalie Russo were named "Athlete of the Meet" as the duo put forth strong efforts both finishing first place in their respective event and qualifying for the state meet in the meantime, as the Wildcat girls indoor track team split its first meets of the season beating Triton, 43-42 and falling to Ipswich, 61-25, in the team's season opener last Tuesday.

Baima won the high jump against both teams clearing 5-2, while Russo won the two mile coming in at 12:28. Baima also finished second in the 55-meter hurdles crossing the line at 6.9 seconds.

Besides the two sophomores, Kaila Whooley took first against Triton in the shot put tossing 25-2, while, Lorena Prinzivalli was second at 24-10.

No other Wildcat girls came across with a first place, but a multiple list of athletes came through with second and third place finishes. Liz Chin was second in the 40-yard dash against both teams coming in at 5.4 seconds, while, Erin Copeland (4-8) and Carmen Palumbo (7.0) were third in the high jump and hurdles, respectively.

Other second place finishes included senior Taryn Martinello in the 600 (1:52.1), sophomore Charlotte Jensen in the 1,000 (3:15) and Courtney Parsons in the two mile (14:24).

Rounding out the scoring with third places include junior Katie Cole in the 300 (48.4), Brianna Brown in the 600 (1:58.6), Alana Lacey in the 1,000 (3:31) and Kellyn Campbell in the mile (6:50).

"It was nice to see four newcomers score in the meet," said coach Tom Bradley.

Sons of Italy tournament provided all the excitment

By RICK COOKE
Sports Correspondent

High school wrestling is different. High school wrestlers are special people, living in this very different world, with a language all their own. You need to enter this world, at least briefly, to really appreciate it. Any knowledgeable sports 'hipster' will surely tell you that the high school wrestler is a special 'Cat.' A different breed of athlete that lays it all on the line on a sweaty mat in an overheated gymnasium.

One-hundred forty-six wrestlers, 12 teams wrestling on three mats over eight hours, with plenty of people that care a whole lot about who wins what. The annual Wilmington Sons of Italy Wrestling Tournament, held at a packed WHS' gymnasium Saturday morning, noon and night, is a case in point why this sport attracts devoted, special people.

This tournament has been on a successful roll for twenty-plus years, and it's easy to see why. Referees who wrestled in high school recall matches with coaches who wrestled in high school. And there are very-few bull stories when you listen to

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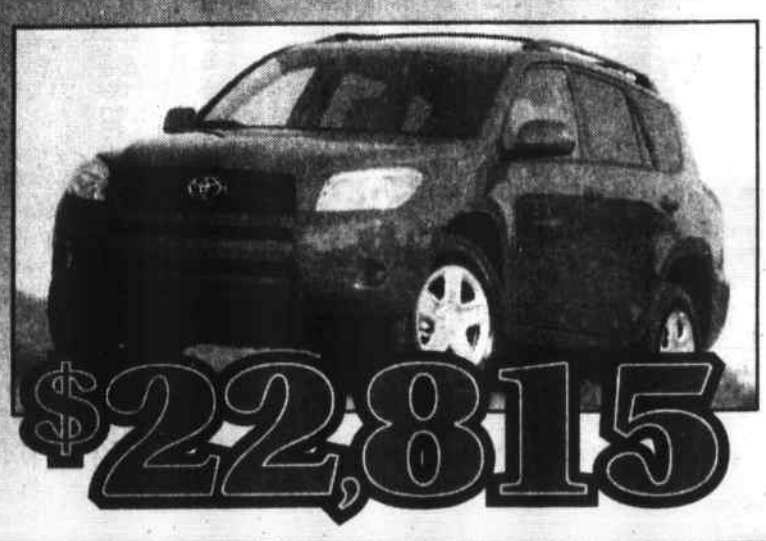

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 2, 2007 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA, on the application of Stephen Lawrenson, Trustee, Cranberry Lake Realty Trust, P.O. Box 602, Wilmington, MA 01887 concerning the Conservation Subdivision Special Permit #06-2 entitled "Marjorie Road Extension, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated December 6, 2006; submitted on December 8, 2006; by Michael J. Carter, Professional Engineer, GCG Associates, Inc., 84 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located on Marjorie Road and shown as Assessor's Map 70 Part of Parcel 101B, 101C and 101D. The proposed subdivision contains two (2) lots.

A copy of the site plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

12.13.06, Michael Sorrentino,
12.20.06 Chair
5528 Wilmington Planning Board

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
06 MISC 332338

To: Arthur E. Martell a/k/a Arthur E. Martel;Walter Hilliard and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Option One Mortgage Corporation claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington numbered 3 Veranda Avenue given by Arthur E. Martel and Walter Hilliard to Shamrock Financial Corporation, dated May 19, 2006; and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20118, Page 202 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the **15th day of January, 2007** or you, may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 29th day of November 2006.

12.20.06 Deborah J. Patterson
5534 Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Case No. 06 MISC 333387

To: John Barry Dunn; Mary-Ellen Dunn and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. f/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 14 Silverhurst Avenue given by John Barry Dunn and Mary-Ellen Dunn to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated November 25, 2003, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 16616; Page 129 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the **15th day of January 2007** or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 4th day of December 2006.

12.20.06 Deborah J. Patterson
5538 Recorder

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Shelden F. Maga, Jr. and Victoria A. Maga** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp. dated May 13, 2004, recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 17325, Page 128 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at **1:00 PM on January 12, 2007**, on the mortgaged premises. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

Parcel 1 The land in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts with the buildings thereon comprising four lots of land and a portion of another lot of land situated on Veranda Street and being Lots numbered 72, 73, 74, and 75, and part of Lot numbered 77, as shown on a plan of land known as "Silver Lake Park, belonging to J.W. Wilber, A.L. Eliot, Survey, dated January 5, 1903" and recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry Book of Plans 20, Plan 9, said lots being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southerly side of said Veranda Street at the Northwesterly corner of lot number 76, as shown on said plan, thence running in a Southerly direction on the Westerly side of said lot numbered 76 and continuing in a straight line across lot number 77 to the center of a brook as shown on said plan, thence by the thread of said brook to the Southeasterly corner of lot number 71 on. said plan; thence running in a Northerly direction by the Easterly line of said lot number 71 to Veranda Street as shown on said plan; thence by the Southerly side of said Veranda Street, 70 feet more or less to point of beginning. Said premises are subject to restriction and easements of record, if any there be, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable and to the zoning laws and building laws or the Town of Wilmington. Parcel II The land in said Wilmington, Massachusetts situated on the Southeasterly side of Veranda Avenue and being one-half of Lot 71, which lot 71 is shown on plan of land entitled "Silver Lake Park, Wilmington, Mass., owned by J.W. Wilber, Scale 60 feet = 1 inch. January 5, 1903, A.L. Eliot Surveyor of Boston, Mass." Which one half of lot 71 is bounded and described as follows: Northeasterly by land now or formerly of McDonough, 100 feet; Northwesterly by said Veranda Avenue, 10 feet; Southeasterly by Lot 77, 10 feet; Southwesterly by the other half of lot 71, 100 feet. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 16038, Page 200.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference.

This property has the address of **28 Veranda Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.**

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, arid TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, L.L.C., 100 Cummings Center, Suite 213C, Beverly, Massachusetts, time being of the essence.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA L.L.C., 100 Cummings Center, Suite 213C, Beverly, Massachusetts, 01915, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within, described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder.

The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA L.L.C., (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, thirty (30) days after the date of sale, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Dated: November 27, 2006, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee, By; John A. Doonan. Esq., DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA L.L.C., 100 Cummings Center, Suite 213C, Beverly, MA 01915, (978) 921-2670, www.dgandl.com (2322.65/Maga, Jr.) (12/20/06, 12/27/06 01/03/07)(73718).

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 06P5500EP1
In the Estate of
NORMAN C. SMITH
Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death
September 21, 2006
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that KATHLEEN L BREEN of BILLERICA in the County of MIDDLESEX and NORMA. C. DUGGAN of KINGSTON in the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE be appointed co-executors, named in said will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 18, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, December 14, 2006.

12.20.06 John R. Buonomo
5536 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 06P5414EP1
In the Estate of
ELIZABETH A. JOHNSON
A.K.A. ELIZABETH ANN
JOHNSON
Late of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death October 28, 2006
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that PATRICIA A. BUCKLEY of NEWBURYPORT In the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 11, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) In accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE. First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, December 7, 2006.

12.20.06 John R. Buonomo
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No 06P3915Gl1
In the Matter of
CHRIS DELEON
Of TEWKSBURY
In the County of MIDDLESEX
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MENTALLY
ILL PERSON

To CHRIS DELEON of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX, and HIS heirs apparent or presumptive, a petition has been filed in the above captioned matter alleging that said CHRIS DELEON of TEWKSBURY in the County of MIDDLESEX is a mentally ill person and praying that THE DEPT. Off SOCIAL SERVICES of FRAMINGHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed guardian, to serve without surety of the person - with the authority to administer antipsychotic medications in accordance with the treatment plan.

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WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE. First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 28, 2006.

John R. Buonomo
Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

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The land shown as Lots 177-182 inclusive on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots at Central Park, Wilmington, Mass. April, 1908, Scale 80 feet to an inch" which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 25, Plan 39. Reference in hereby made to said plan for a more particular description. Said Lot is also shown as Lot 70 on a Definitive Plan entitled "Madison Road, Wilmington, Mass., William G. Troy and Assoc., 936 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, Owner: James Banda, Jr., 5 Longview Road, Wilmington, MA", which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 182, Plan 136 to which reference is made for a more particular description of said Lot 70. Lot 70 contains 15,363 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5464, Page 135.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND ($10,000.00) DOLLARS by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C.**, 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180, other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.

Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Brian T. LaManna, Esq., **ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C.**, 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180, (781) 246-8995, Dated: 12/04/2006 (60.0444/Faro)(12/13/06,12/20/06,12/27/06)(7398

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Virginia Sederquist** to TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store dated October 13, 1995, recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 07700, Page 49 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at **11:00 AM on January 11, 2007**, on the mortgaged premises. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The land in Tewksbury on the southeasterly side of Newton Avenue and being Lot No. 102 as shown on a plan entitled 'Subdivision of Land in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Leaver Acres, Albert Kaufman, Engineer, Registered Land Surveyor, June 2, 1952", recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans #1, Plan 199, and bounded; Northwesterly by said Newton Avenue one hundred fifty-two and 50/100 feet; Westerly by a curved line having a radius of twenty-five feet as shown on said plan thirty-nine and 27/100 feet; Southwesterly by land shown on said plan as reserved for future street, now called Barre Terrace, eighty-five feet; Southeasterly by land of owners unknown two hundred twenty-five feet; and Northerly & Northeasterly by Lot 13 by two courses, as shown on said plan a total of one hundred twenty-nine and 67/100 feet.

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Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

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The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA L.L.C., 100 Cummings Center, Suite 213C, Beverly, Massachusetts, 01915, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder.

The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA L.L.C., (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, thirty (30) days after the date of sale, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Dated: December 11, 2006, HomeEq Servicing Corporation f/k/a TMS Mortgage Inc., By: John A. Doonan, Esq., DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA L.L.C, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 213C, Beverly, MA 01915, (978) 921-2670, www.dgandl.com (2322.88/Sederquist)(12/20/06, 12/27/06, 01/03/07)(74312)

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Rams girls hoop team ready for enjoyable season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team is coming off a typically successful season last year, as they went 13-6 and advanced to that Division 3 state tournament. But the team that takes the court this season will be much different than the veteran squad that advanced to the tournament last year.

The Lady Rams have lost several key players to graduation including four year starter Amy Marsh along with Kristin Cantwell and Maggie Joyce. They will be replaced by players with a lot less experience. Although coach Dick Barris will certainly miss his veteran players, he is ready for the new and exciting challenges this year,s squad will face.

"As a coach you know that every year there will be turnover," Barris said. "In high school sports you only get players for four years at the most, so you know it is going to happen. That is the challenge for us, to overcome the losses and make the new pieces work."

And the new pieces off plenty of hope for Barris and the Lady Rams. While the seniors lost to graduation will be tough to replace, several of the players moving into those new slots did get some valuable playing time late last season including sophomores Selena Houghton and Caitlin Gallagher, who have moved into this years starting lineup.

Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team gets the season going this week with locals, (l-r) Briana Miano, Samantha Killion, Katie Hogan of Tewksbury, Stefani Warnick of Wilmington, and Tewksbury residents Sara Elwell, Abby Pinard and Casey Reece.
(JoeBrownphotos.com)

"The experience and time they got at the end of last season will pay dividends for them not just this season, but also in their career," Barris said. "And that can only help the team for the future."

Houghton will start at guard for the Lady Rams while Gallagher, a Wilmington resident, will start at forward and serve as one of the team's tri-captains as just a sophomore.

"That just shows you the respect her teammates have for her," Barris said. "She was the team MVP in soccer as a freshman and as a newcomer in lacrosse she also did a great job. She is very dedicated to the task and I can easily see why the girls voted for her to be a captain."

Another Wilmington resident, junior center Melanie Strazzere joins the Lady Rams after spending the past couple of season as a cheerleader and Barris is thrilled to have the 6-footer in the middle of his lineup.

"She came out for basketball and she will be an important piece to the puzzle," Barris said. "She is a very good defensive player."

Along with Gallagher, the other two tri-captains will be junior Samantha St. George, who will start at guard and senior Amanda Vacca, who will start at forward.

"Our biggest weakness will be our lack of varsity experience, with three players who have very little experience," Barris said. "One of our strengths will be that down the stretch we will be better and we will keep getting better into next year."

Barris has been with the Lady Rams for over 20 years now as either an assistant or head coach and never in his memory has the team failed to qualify for the post season. If Shawsheen is going to continue that trend this season, they will have to be at their best.

"It will be tough. There are a lot of very talented teams in our league," Barris said. "The string is definitely in jeopardy and we have our work cut out for us, But we can pull it off, we just need to pull an upset or two against some of the top teams."

The top teams in the CAC as Barris sees it will be Lynn Tech, Greater Lawrence Whittier and Tyngsboro. There will be very few easy games for Shawsheen.

"We are going to have some tough games," Barris said. "But we need to learn and grow from them and make adjustments as the year goes on."

Hockey team now skating down Baker's Street

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech hockey team will begin a new era this season, but they are hoping to continue with the same winning tradition they have always had. Hall of Fame coach Bill Gordon retired last season after an illustrious career that ended with a loss to Savio Prep in the semi-finals of Division 3 North Tournament and his longtime assistant, Chuck Baker will take over behind the bench for the Rams.

While Baker has many plans to implement his own style of play for the Rams, once thing will definitely not change, and that is the Rams expectations of themselves and what they can accomplish as a team.

"It's been hectic," Baker said of his new role as head coach. "We are putting in a completely new system for these guys and they like it and they are starting to accept it. If we get to the point where they have fully accepted it I think we can cause some trouble in Division 3."

The Rams have good reason for optimism, with many talented players returning to the fold, but they also have lost some quality players to graduation including their top two scorers in Dan Roy and Jason Buckley.

"We graduated a lot of firepower, but we still set the expectations pretty high," Baker said. "No matter what sport I am coaching I always set high expectations. And I think we've got a group of kids who can live up to that."

Among the key players the Rams will return are a trio of seniors. Captain Dan Hanifin and assistants Troy Daniels and Shaun Suprey each scored over 20 points last season and will be counted on even more heavily this season.

"We graduated over 120 points so we need some of these kids to step up," Baker said.

The Rams will also have several local player contributing to their success, starting with senior forward Dan Steenbruggen of Wilmington. Steenbruggen saw a lot of playing time with the Rams last year, and although he was not among the team's top scorers he scored his share of big goals.

"Dana is the type of kid where his motor never stops. He makes up for what he lacks skill wise in his hands with his legs," Baker said. "And I tell him that is how I expect him to

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Handful of locals look to lead Rams boys hoop team

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team enters this season hoping to improve on last year's 7-14 campaign. There is every reason to believe the Rams will be able to do just that, and thus far they have shown great promise as they are off to a 3-0 start on the young season.

The Rams have reason to be optimistic, as they bring back all but two players from last year's team that qualified for the state tournament, thanks to finishing second in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Small Division. Once in the tournament the Rams ran into a buzz saw against top seeded Lynn Tech, but the experience the team gained not only in the tournament, but throughout the regular season should be valuable this season.

"Last year's experience was huge," coach Bob Hodnett said. "We even saw it during the year where the second time around playing people we were a lot better. And the boys played a lot of basketball over the summer and have improved quite a bit."

The Rams have many local players on their roster, including the entire starting lineup. Leading the way for the Rams will be star junior forward Joe Gore of Wilmington. Gore will be a huge key to the Rams success, just as he was to the football team's success at quarterback.

Along with helping the Rams with his great play, he will also help with the attention he will draw from the opposition.

"Everybody will be keying on Joe, so some of our other players may surprise some people this year," Hodnett said. "Joe's got a lot of pressure on him but he handles it well. He does a nice job taking the ball to the hoop and he is a great offensive rebounder."

Junior point guard Tom Joyce of Tewksbury will be another big part of the Rams success as will junior shooting guard Joe Killion of Tewksbury.

"Tom is the key to our offense and he does a great job running it. He knows what is expected of him," Hodnett said. "He is also one of our better shooters. He used to be kind of timid as far as taking open shots, but no longer.

"And Joe has been a big surprise so far for us," Hodnett said. "He's a good shooter and he is tough with the ball. He's a good heads up player. He anticipates well and makes good plays. He played AAU ball over the summer and you can really see the improvement in his game."

Senior center Tyler McCarthy of Tewksbury may not be the Rams best scorer, but at 6-3 he will fill a key role for the Rams.

"Tyler will be in there to rebound and he is also a very good defender," Hodnett said. "He will score if he can run the floor for us and get some offensive rebounds."

The team will have only one captain and it will be senior forward Matt Bruno of Tewksbury.

"Matt worked very hard on his game over the summer and it shows," Hodnett said. "He also got a lot of workouts coordinated over the summer for the whole team. He might not have all the basketball skills of some of our other kids, but he works very hard and has the respect of his teammates."

Sophomore center Ryan Sugrue and junior forward Matt Bradley, both of Tewksbury, will also see a lot of playing time for the Rams.

While the Rams qualified for the tournament last season based on their second place finish, Hodnett is very confident that his team will qualify again this year, but will do it with an above .500 record.

"We definitely can make a run at the tournament least and I think we have a shot at winning the league," Hodnett said. "Northeast is probably the favorite in our league as they bring back four of five starters including the league MVP. And North Shore will also be very good. It won't be easy, but I think we will surprise some teams, even in the Large School division."

There is a long way to go, but Hodnett's confidence seems well founded so far as the Rams are off to a 3-0 start, including a 75-43 win over Essex Aggie on Friday night. Gore, Bruno and Killion each had 10 points, while Joyce led the way with 15 points, five assists and five steals.

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team includes locals: Front row l-r Matt Bradley, Tommy Joyce, and Mike Oliveira all of Tewks. Back row from left to right, coach Bob Hodnett, Joe Killion, Larry Bradley of Tewks, Joe Gore of Wilmington, Ryan Sugrue, Tyler McCarthy, Matt Bruno (captain) all of Tewks, and Greg Bendel frosh coach from Wilmington. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Rams now skating down Baker's Street

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play. He plays with no fear and that is the style I want to play."

Another Wilmington resident, junior forward Steve Wamboldt has shown some spark in the early going of the season as has freshman defenseman Cody Wilkins of Wilmington.

"Steve has been a big surprise for us," Baker said. "He has grown hockey wise so much. Last year he was at the JV level and in our first game this year he was playing with our top line. And Cody will see a lot of paying time for us. He's a good one."

Another freshman defenseman from Wilmington, Jesse Rossetti will also see a lot of playing time as will junior DJ Bemis of Wilmington. Sophomores Chris Adams and Shawn Donovan, both of Tewksbury will also be contributors for the Rams.

Baker was non-committal as to the order of his lines at this point in the season and that may very well be the case for much of the season, as he blessed with a lot of depth that could switch in and out of the top line.

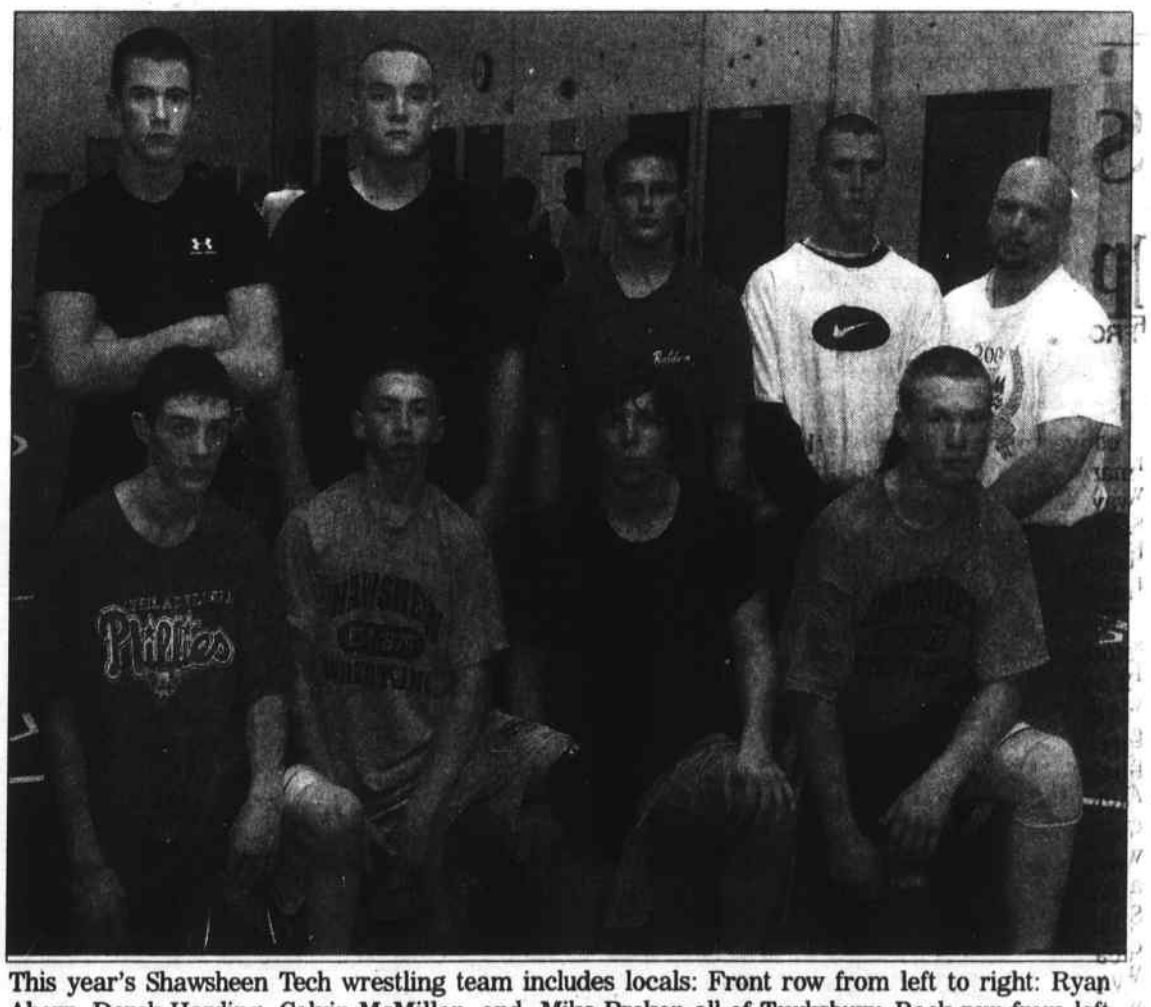
"The lines could change weekly or even daily. It's an open competition," Baker said. "I have always been a big believe in three lines instead of just two in order to keep your guys fresh for the third period. We are in a situation with this team where we could also spot a four line in there as well. That's how close these guys are, and that's a good situation to be in."

Along with a tough non-conference schedule that will include several match-ups with Division 1 and Division 2 teams the Rams will also fight their way through the CAC schedule and Baker knows the competition will be tough.

"You never really know from year to year, but Tyngsboro is always tough as is Northeast and Hamilton-Wenham will be good as well," Baker said. "Rockport is a team where you never know what you are going to face. They may have picked up some talented kids as well."

While Baker certainly respects the competition in the CAC as well as the Rams non-conference opponents, he also has full confidence that his team can thrive against the competition.

"I am not going to predict too much, but our goal is always to win the league," Baker said. "We set the goal high and we know what we are capable of."



This year's Shawsheen Tech wrestling team includes locals: Front row from left to right: Ryan Ahern, Derek Harding, Calvin McMillan, and Mike Prekop all of Tewksbury. Back row from left Andrew Companeschi, Stephen McIssac, Jason Baker, Matt Companeschi and Coach Mark Donovan. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

Wrestling team already taking down some state contenders

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team has established a fine winning tradition over the past several years and they look to be well on their way to continuing on that path this season. After suffering their first losing season in almost 20 years two seasons ago, the Rams rebounded to go 11-10 last season and with a 3-0 start to this season, they appear to be well on their way to an even better year.

One of their wins came over perennial state power Chelmsford, who was ranked seventh in the state at the time, and the Rams also had a very good showing in the Wilmington Sons of Italy Tournament this past weekend where senior captain Dan Pynn was the champion at 189 pounds.

"Beating Chelmsford was a very good win for us and of course the tournament went well so I am very happy so far," said Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan. "We have a very tough December schedule, but we are now ranked number nine in the state."

The Rams will have several local wrestlers on the squad this season, including junior Mat Compeneschi, a Wilmington resident, at 140 pounds. Compeneschi also had a great day at the Sons of Italy Tournament with a second place finish.

"He only lost 2-1 in the finals and he has looked very good so far this season," Donovan said. "He should do very well for us."

The brother duo of juniors Rob and Steve McIsaac of Wilmington will try to bring the same excellence to the wrestling mat that they bring to the baseball diamond in the spring. Rob will wrestle at 135 points while Steve will wrestle at heavyweight for the Rams. Steve won by pin against Chelmsford and Rob is also off to a fast start.

"Steve is hanging in there and getting better all the time at heavyweight," Donovan said. "And Rob has already won two matches so he is doing very well."

Tewksbury's Derek Harding at 112 pounds, along with Wilmington Jason Baker at 130 and Andrew Compeneschi at 152 will also contribute for the Rams

The team captains for the Rams are Pynn, Shawn Pimentel, Joe Nitche, Keith Wiitala and Dan Ronan. Pimentel took second place at 160 at the Sons of Italy Tournament as did Derek Sorenson at 119, while Brandon Spinosa took a fourth place finish at 103.

These wrestlers, particularly the captains will be among the best the Rams send out meet after meet, but Donovan was hesitant to list who he felt were the top athletes on his team, rather focusing on the closeness of the entire team.

"We have a great team concept," Donovan said. "This is the tightest team we have had here in my 22 years. They really stick together. Everyone cares about each other and they really work together."

Donovan compared his tight knit group to a team that all local fans will be familiar with.

"Remember when the Patriots were in the Super Bowl and they came out as a team," Donovan said. "We are kind of like that. We have some stars, but they all help each other and they all give the extra effort they need to win."

The Rams will need that team concept if they are going to make it through what promises to be a tough schedule. The Rams hope to make a run at the top of the CAC, but they know it will not be easy.

"Greater Lawrence will be the team to beat," Donovan said. "They are ranked third in the state, but we only lost to them by two points last season."

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Rolling some thoughts out on Dice-K

By RICK COOKE
Sports Correspondent

Let's hope the performance of new Red Sox pitching ace Daisuke Matsuzaka matches up to all the hype. It's Hot Stove baseball season around these parts, a right of winter passage. The Boston baseball hope and hype is on fire, with news reports brimming with wild optimism.

The signing of the Japanese ace this past week sent the Boston media and fans into a feeding frenzy more wild and wooly than usual. So far, I've seen just one local news anchor say that it all was a bit much, and that it was time to move on to more 'pressing' news. I sort of agreed with him, but then I saw his sports colleague admonish the poor guy, and I even backed off my feeble protest.

What, you say? The Boston Red Sox are not more important than the latest on the War in Iraq, or the coronation of Gov. Duval? Bite your tongue, and go away brother. The Boston baseball fans want more. They can't get enough of this stuff. And with the Patriots struggling and boring as dirt even when they win, can you blame them?

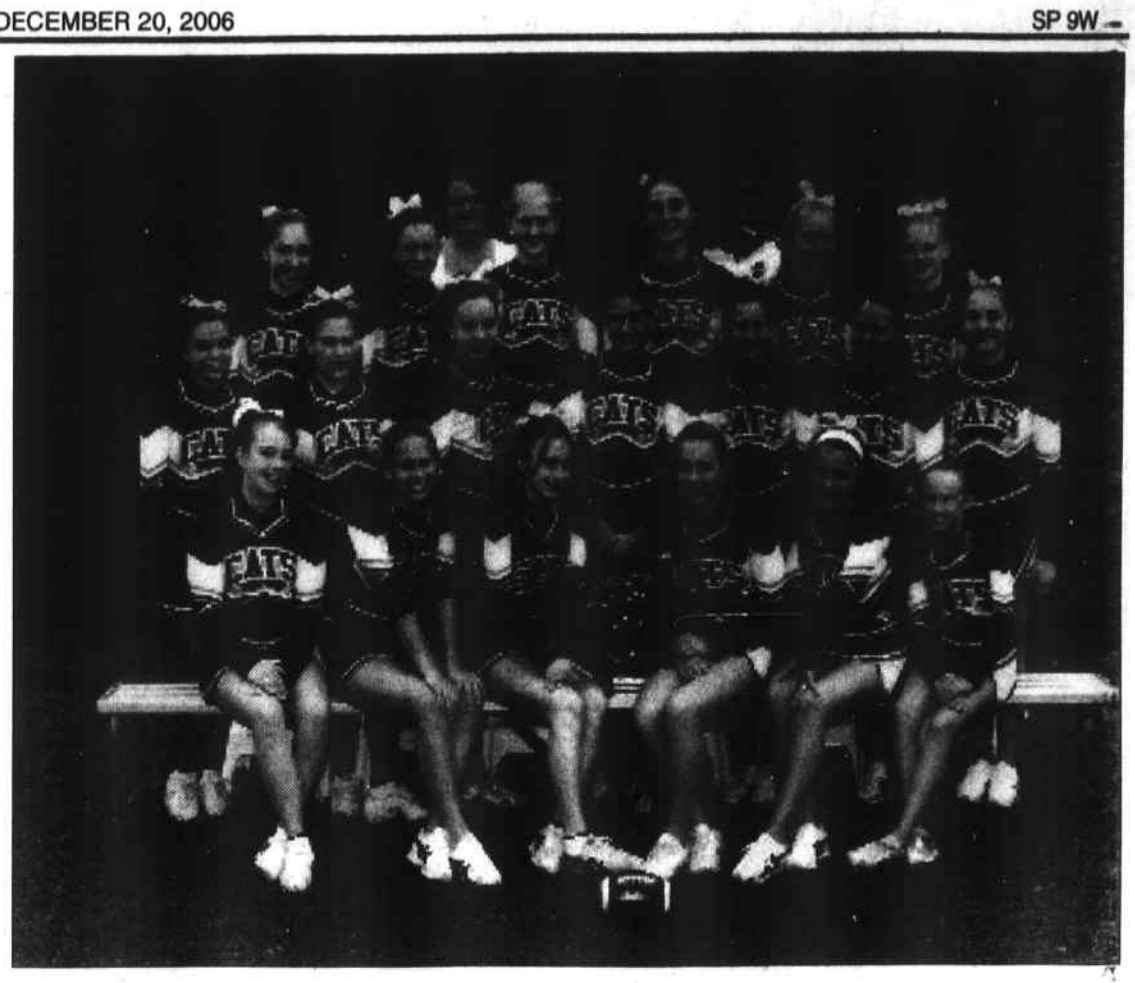
This Matsuzaka signing is a lot about hype and marketing, and very little about baseball - so far. I'm waiting for that drunk behind the Red Sox dugout to voice his hearty New England opinion when he's witness to the first shaky Matsuzaka performance. You all know the guy I'm talking about. The beauty that screamed at Keith Foulke a year ago as he walked off the mound headed to the dugout. That's the same Keith Foulke who pitched the Red Sox to their first championship in 86 years. A short memory. But the guy can sure hold his liquor.

He's not the only Boston Red Sox fan with memory loss. Memories are always in short supply around here. If the new pitcher stinks, all those new t-shirts with the number '18' on the back will go straight into the bargain bin with the matching '18's with 'Damon' on the back. Sox fans would like to forget about that guy.

So, bring on the hype. I'm sure Manny will love it when 200 reporters are in the clubhouse trying to get to Matsuzaka. Let me remind everyone, that no matter how great the hype is, and how much it gets ramped up to ridiculous levels over the next couple of months -- performance leading to wins is all that matters in Boston. Manny is the lone exception to that hard-and-fast Boston fan rule. The man-child does whatever he wants, and as long as he puts up 35-40 homers and 120 RBI's, nobody cares.

Matsuzaka should enjoy the hype too. Because when some leather-lunged New Englander lets him know when he's lousy, he'll need someone to explain that particular

tradition to him. Let's hope it's not Manny doing the explaining.



The Wilmington Pop Warner A cheerleading team took home a national championship title a little more than a week ago, down in Florida. (file photo)

Cheerleaders bring home another national title

The Wilmington Pop Warner A-Team Cheerleaders won the national championship last week in Florida, an astounding feat.

It was a long road to the Sunshine State. First, the A-Team won their tournament in Rhode Island, the New England Regionals. The C and D teams placed second in their matches, putting them through to the nationals as well.

The journey started long before the regionals two weeks ago however. All of these young ladies have been practicing since August 1st, 3 or 4 nights per week two to three hours per night. They have cheered at football games every Sunday in September and October and have been preparing for their own cheer competitions as well. Along with cheering, their academics are also closely monitored as well.

The Pop Warner Little Scholars program is the only national youth sports organization in America that requires studentathletes to meet academic requirements before permitting them to play. To date Wilmington Pop Warner has 12 student athletes who have been nominated for the Pop Warner All American Scholar Program. This program isfor students in grade five and above who have a 95% grade point average or better. There were 35 student athletes alone whose average was above a 90% in their school work.

A total of 68 cheerleaders traveled down to Florida last week to for National Championship title. Over the years, Wilmington has sent two teams in 2002, 2004 and 2005; however this is the first time Wilmington Pop Warner will be sending three teams to Nationals. The National Pop Warner organization invites the top two teams from various regions around the United States to compete at their Pop Warner Nationals being held December 5th through the 8th in Orlando, FL. The Wilmington A-Team has taken first place at all of their competitions, including New Englandas. The A-Team successfully defended their national title from a year ago.

The team consists of 19 young ladies, only two of which are from last year's National Championship team. Ten of these ladies were on the C-Team, which placed third at nationals last year. This will mark the seventh year that the A team has been to nationals. With that accomplishment Wilmington Pop Warner is nationally known as a strong organization. At the National Tournament, the C-Team placed fourth and the D-Team placed eighth.

The Championship A-Team consisted of Shannon Murphy, Christa Monteforte, Megan Torres, Stephanie Mazzie, Alex Leaden, Lea Femino, Catherine Parella, Lauren Spinale, Lindsay Masotta, Lindsey McCarthy, Melissa Aeisi, Macy Harper, Jamie Powers, Angela Spada, Kristen Fogarty, Candace Witcowski, Jocelyn Gilson, Erin Welch, and Meagan Wamboldt.

Wilmington Pop Warner would like to thank all of the young ladies, their parents and the volunteer coaches for allotting so much time to the program to get to where they are today. Also a very big Thank you to the entire Community as well as the local businesses that have supported Wilmington Pop Warner along the way. Without everyone's support, this organization and these young ladies would not have accomplished what they have and hope to continue to do so in the future.

Sons of Italy tournament provided all the excitement

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conversations as the marathon mat action winds its' way to a satisfying conclusion some eight hours after it all began at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

Everyone swaps wrestling stories and shared experiences. It's all part of the high school wrestling karma. Former great-and I mean bigtime great- TMHS' wrestlers Brian Aylward and Steve O'Keefe coach the current Redmen wrestlers. More New England and State Champions- Dave Shunamon and Bob Donovan, coach Westford Academy. The WA team had five kids wrestling for titles Saturday, while Tewksbury had three wrestlers competing in the finals.

Former Wilmington High School and ULowell wrestling captain Brian Tildsley coaches the successful Minuteman Tech team. Special wrestling definitely trickles down.

Former TMHS' wrestling coach and current Tewksbury Police Chief Al Donovan was there Saturday, sharing tips and stories, claiming to be a 'easual observer.' Anyone who knows Bob Donovan's uncle knows that he does nothing casually. "I'm retired. I'm too busy," said Donovan with a smile before departing just before the title matches began. Donovan might be 'retired' from coaching wrestling, but he's definitely still part of what makes this sport so special.

All Donovan had to do was point out the two special people coaching at Westford Academy, one of the 12 teams wrestling in the day-long event. Shunamon is a former three-time State and two-time New England champ, and Donovan's nephew Bob is a former State Champion. You think these two guys have any stories to tell? Any memories to share?

High school wrestling is an intense, interactive experience, with a language all its' own. "Camaraderie in high school wrestling is absolutely unique," offered one veteran referee. Even the officials look like they could get down on the mat and wrestle today. Years from now, wrestlers from Tewksbury, Wilmington, Billerica, Lowell, Dracut and Chelmsford will swap stories over cold beers.

Athletes with t-shirts that say: 'Respect all-Fear no one.' The kid wearing that shirt must have weighed in at 103 pounds soaking wet. Watching him wrestle, it was clear that he walked the walk, and didn't give that slogan simple lip service.

The language is very different too. You hear phrases like: "Finish it !" -"Lock his head up !"- "Circle now !"- "Turn on him !"- "Shoot through !"- "Get that leg !"- "Get that head !". You can almost feel the exclamation point with each shouted instruction. And lest you think this is all about brute force, think again. Leverage, body position, intelligence, and the ability to be that one step up on your opponent, are all factors that separate victory from defeat.

Move instructions shouted from the aprons of three mats spread across the gymnasium. Teammates gathered together, intensely watching the action all day long. Ice bags on the back of necks. Parents, relatives and other friends shout: "Come on Bud !"- "Come on Andrew !" Individuals working. Teammates caring. Intensely. Camaraderie. Bonds are formed that last years, decades, some even for a lifetime. Some of the wrestlers from this tournament will get together long after high school graduation.

Some eight hours after it all began, two mats are removed and the lights are dimmed to one simple spotlight on the center mat. Special athletes taking center stage. The championship matches begin and there will be more stories etched in sweat to share years later. Long after this grueling day is finally done.

The Tewksbury champions and the lone Wilmington champ won't be the only wrestlers with stories to tell. Jim Tarpey (130 pounds) and Mike Willey (145) emerged with titles for the Redmen, while Tim Bennett (135) came up just short in the title match. Wilmington's Steve Sughrue (103) is one of those small kids with the big heart, getting the title round started with a victory in his championship match.

Sure, these four wrestlers are champions, but any athlete that competes in an event like this is a winner. This is not the WWF. This is different. This is special. These young athletes are committed to this sport that invokes friendship and toughness in the same breath. The qualities are working the room. Together.

These 'Cats' are special. They are high school wrestlers. A breed all their own. Athletes in any sport who quit on anything should check out high school wrestling. They just might learn something. And make a lifelong friend along the way.

Sugrue the lone champion for Wildcats

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said coach Mike Pimental. "Sugrue was the lone champion. He wasn't feeling well so it was nice to see such a fiesty competitor show up, go to work and get what he needed done. He went out there and looked great. It didn't look like he missed a step. He really took charge of the match real early and ended up pinning. He didn't want to be out there that long because he wasn't feeling that good. He's still undefeated at this time at 7-0.

"All of our new kids looked pretty good. A couple of them got their first wins of the season. They are showing a lot of promise and they are just looking to learn to win. (Kenny) Adams and several of the older guys lost a couple of heartbreakers, but I told them that it's better to do that now than at the end of the season."

In the dual meets, the Wildcats are 2-2 thus far posting victories over Lynnfield/North Reading, 43-36, and Hamilton-Wenham, 50-26, while falling to Franklin, 68-11, and Weston, 58-18, in two nonleague meets.

In the four matches only two wrestlers, Steve Sugrue and John Tranfaglia went unbeaten. Sugrue posted a 4-0 record including a 16-1 win over Franklin's Joe Allie, a 19-4 win over HW's Noah Einhorn, while pinning both Mike Doherty (39 seconds) and Nick Burkus (49 seconds). Three of the wins came at the 103-pound division, while Sugrue was bumped up to 112 to beat Einhorn.

Tranfaglia didn't compete against Franklin, but won his three matches over Lynnfield's Justin Ferrara, 13-1, Weston's Tom Frayman (via pin, 1:34) and Hamilton-Wenham's Adam Hamdorff, 16-14.

Tri-captains Kenny Adams, Nate Mercer and Kenny Joyce also picked up three wins, all going 3-1. Adams pulled out victories of 20-8 and 8-4 before adding his final win by pin at the 2:50 mark, coming between the 140 and 152 pound divisions. Mercer's three wins all came by pin at the 28 second mark, the 24 second mark and the 1:40 mark. And Joyce pinned two opponents at the 21 second mark and the 1:16 mark, while also winning a 9-6 decision over Weston's Sonle Nguyen.

Newcomer Gott Saenchardi was the only other wrestler with multiple wins as he posted two, while, Kirk Wayshville, Billy Liston, Sean Furlong and Dillon Halliday each had one win. Putting in strong efforts included Ryan Kennedy, Jake Osgood, James Marra, Josh Steeves, Tyler Summers and Tony Valente, who are looking for their first wins on the season.

"We wrestled a good weekend (in the tri-meet)," said Pimental. "Franklin is one of the best teams in the state so we knew we had our hands full. Weston was a lot tougher than I thought they would be but we did the best we could. Our biggest goal is to stay within the top of the Cape Ann League so beating Lynnfield and Hamilton-Wenham enabled us to do that."

Wilmington is back in action facing Cape Ann League foe Masconomet on December 21st, before going to Lynnfield for the Division 3 North/South Dual Meet beginning at 10:00 am to face Hanover, Bellingham and Carver.

Two locals named All-Scholastics

Congratulations goes out to two local athletes who have been named to both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe All-Scholastic teams. Wilmington High senior Rich Barry led the football team to an 9-2 record which included a share of the Cape Ann League. The running back ended the season with 1,527 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns, which put him in a tie for the lead in the entire Division 2A Conference.

The second all-scholastic selection was Tewksbury High senior Sammy Macy. She led the Redmen to an unbeaten regular season, the 16-0-2 mark is the best in the program's history. The team went on to the Division 2 North sectional final, losing to Watertown in overtime. On the season, Macy was the Merrimack Valley Conference MVP, as she was the leading goal scorer with 30 goals and 8 assists which including post season play. She ended her brilliant field hockey career with 74 goals.

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Gore, Cabral-Pini and Figueiredo lead Igo's column

By DAN IGO
Sports Correspondent

Wilmington native and Shawsheen Tech graduate **Mike Gore** has made a mark the last two weeks for the UMass Lowell basketball team.

On December 7th, Gore had a career high nine points off the bench in a 72-69 loss to Southern Connecticut. Two days later the junior forward had 10 points on 3-3 shooting from the field. Gore's next game is December 30, when the Riverhawks take on New York Tech.

Lani Cabral-Pini, a Wilmington resident, just completed her sophomore season for the women's soccer team at Lesley University. She had seven goals along with three assists and was named second team all-conference.

Bowdoin College Junior, **Nick Figueiredo**, of Wilmington, has been named to the All-New England NCAA Division III men's soccer team. Also he has been named to the First-Team All-Conference and was named a Division 3 second team All-American. This is the second year in a row that Figueiredo has been selected for both honors.

Figueiredo, who led his team in scoring this season with 12 goals and an assist for 25 points, ranks third in the NESCAC league in both goals and points. Figueiredo will have a chance in his senior year to become Bowdoin's all-time leading scorer. He is currently tied for seventh all-time in the school's history.

Wilmington resident **Brian Caira** has made the jump from WIldcat boys basketball to the Merrimack College men's team.

Many local residents competed in the "Assault on Mount Hood 3.5 Miler" held in Melrose on December 10th. Five Tewksbury natives competed in the race. **Trish Bourne** finished in 42nd place with a time of 24:29. **Chris Stone** came in 74th place at 26:43. Jimmy Collins crossed the line with a time of 29:12, while **Jeff Stone** was right behind him at 29:13. Rita Labella also competed, finishing with a time of 33:46.

Two Wilmington natives also took part in the race. **Mark Blaisdell** finished in 14th place with an impressive time of 21:17. **John Gorvin** also did quite well, finishing in 45th place with a time of 24:54.

Donna Plachowicz of Tewksbury ran in the "Lord Wakefield 5K Series" last Wednesday. She crossed the line at 29:36. **Chris Cintron**, also of Tewksbury, ran in the "D.A.V. Somerville 5.15km Race" last Thursday. He ran a time of 27:44. This race is held on every Thursday night throughout the 2006 & 2007 winter and early spring seasons.

A belated congratulations to the Wilmington Pop Warner 'A' cheerleading team, who won the national championship two weeks ago. Congratulations to the 'C' and 'D' teams as well, as they finished in fourth and eighth place respectively.

The Wilmington Youth Hockey schedule is updated. To view the schedule, go to: http://www.wilmingtonathletics.com/WilmingtonYH/.

Tewksbury PAL wrestling will not have practice on the following dates due to the high school team having meets: January 3rd, January 10th and January 24th. The league is asking parents to support the high school team by taking their kids to these home matches.

The Tewksbury Youth Baseball Board of Directors last week issued a statement regarding the indictment of former league president Fred Daley. Go to http://eteamz.active.com/tewksburybaseball/index.cfm to view the statement.

The Tewksbury High School Girls, Basketball teams are inviting players in the Tewksbury Girls Basketball League to their home games. Girls who wear their TGBL shirt will receive free admission. Also, the league is hosting a dance on Monday, January 15th at the Elks Hall from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are $5.00 and will be sold at the TMHS gym beginning December 30th.

Tickets are available for the Tewksbury Youth Skating Association's "Nights at the Lowell Devils" event. Go to: http://www.tysaredmen.com/#99965 for more information.

The UMass Lowell baseball team is offering two weeks of clinics and instruction in conjunction with the upcoming holiday and Presidents' Week school vacations.

The first session will take place from Dec. 26-29 at Mahoney Gymansium on UML's South Campus, while the second session will run from Feb. 20-23 and will be held at the Costello Athletic Center on UML's North Campus.

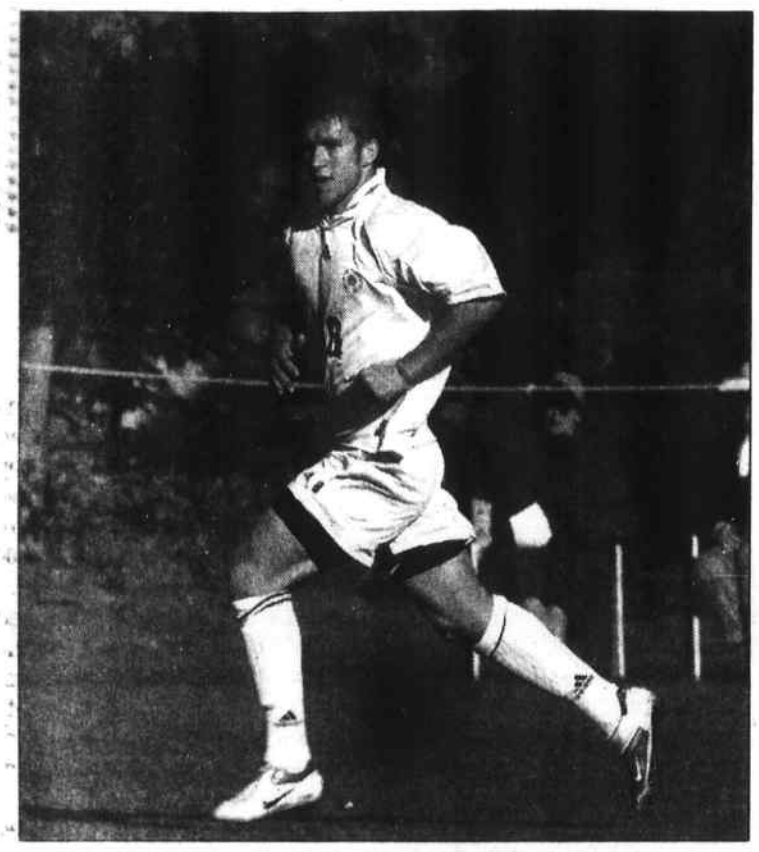
Both sessions are for children aged 6-12 and will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00. Cost of each session is $100 with a $10 discount for each additional child enrolled.

The clinics, run by UML head coach **Ken Harring** and his coaching staff as well as several UML players, will emphasize fun and teach the fundamentals of the game, repetitions and skills players can utilize at home. For more information, visit www.goriverhawks.com, or call Ken Harring at (978) 934-2344.

The Greater Lowell Baseball Umpires Association will be conducting a series of clinics for anyone (male/female) over the age of 16, who wishes to become a certified baseball umpire in the rules of major league Baseball. Anyone interested should call the GLBUA Clinician **Bob Dicey** @ 603-598-1686 for more information or log onto the Association web site at ww.glbua.com..

The classes will begin on Tuesday January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13. The clinics will be held at Shawsheen Tech High School in Billerica, Massachusetts at 7 p.m. In case of inclement weather "a no school notice in Billerica" will cancel the clinic.

If anyone has a tip or a story you believe worthy for this column, email digo@mail.umd.edu.



Bowdoin College Junior, **Nick Figueiredo**, of Wilmington, has been named to the All-New England NCAA Division III men's soccer team. (courtesy photo)

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
		Wilmington High Sports		
Thurs	Dec 21	Wrestling	at Masconomet	6:30 PM
Fri	Dec 22	JV/V Girls Hoop	at Lynnfield	5:30/7PM
Fri	Dec 22	JV/V Boys Hoop	vs Lynnfield	5:30/7 PM
Sat	Dec 23	Wrestling	at D3 North/South Duals - LHS	10:00 AM
Sat	Dec 23	V Boys Hockey	vs N. Reading	2:30 PM
Sat	Dec 23	V Girls Hockey	at Marblehead	8:00 PM
Tues	Dec 26	B/G Track	at N. Andover	9:00 AM
Tues	Dec 26	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill Tourney	8:00 PM
Wed	Dec 27	V Boys Hoop	vs Revere	7:30 PM
Thurs	Dec 28	Wrestling	at Framingham Tour	9:00 AM
Thurs	Dec 28	V Girls Hoop	at Salem	6:30 PM
Thurs	Dec 28	V Boys Hoop	vs Burl/Tewksbury	TBA
Thurs	Dec 28	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill Tourney	8:00 PM
Fri	Dec 29	Wrestling	at Framingham Tour	9:00 AM
Fri	Dec 29	JV/V Girls Hoop	vs Tewksbury	12:30/2 PM
		Shawsheen Tech Sports		
Thurs	Dec 21	Jv/VBoys Basketball	at Greater Lowell	3:15/4:45 PM
Thurs	Dec 21	V Girls Basketball	vs Greater Lawerence	4:45 PM
Thurs	Dec 21	V Hockey	vs Lynn Tech	8:00 PM
Sat	Dec 23	V Hockey	at Rockport	6:10 PM
Wed	Dec 27	Jv/V Boys Basketball	at Greater Lowell	1:00/2:30 PM

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Male Athlete of the Year: Greg Stewart

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of the way in three very tough sports, football, basketball and baseball.

"I think I was brought up that way," said Greg. "My father (Jim) always told me that if I wanted to play, I had to play hard. When I started to play football, he only told me that if I wanted to play that I had to go out there and hit everybody and that's the only way I was going to play football. I had played soccer but when I switched to play football he said 'this isn't soccer, this is football'.

"I was brought up that way. Even though you don't hate the other kids, or you don't know the other kids (you play against) you have to play like you hate them. And that's basically how I play. After the game, everything is fine and I'll shake hands and all of that.

"In football I play to hurt you and in basketball I play to aggravate you as much as I can."

Greg comes from a family with a long history of athletics. His father Jim is a WHS Hall of Famer. He was the quarterback on the 1976 football team that advanced to the Super Bowl and was defeated by Lynn Classical. Jim was also the Merrimack Valley Conference league MVP during the 1977 baseball season which saw the Wildcats win the league title as well as advance to the state championship game.

"I know I have pretty big shoes to fill especially with my father," said Greg. "He's in the Hall of Fame and he played baseball and football. But he never talks about himself. I find out more about him from other people. He just keeps everything to himself.

"I like to just represent my family. Everything you do from the stands is a reflection on your parents. That's what I got yelled at for (contacting Kerman) and I deserved it."

While he probably did deserve the earful, Greg can't help but have a huge smile on his face when he was asked about his strong family tree.

"I come from a great family," he said. "I was brought up to be polite and courteous and I think my parents did a great job raising all of us. My mother and father are very supportive, and playing with my brother (Steven) is great.

"My sister, Jennifer, will be the best athlete of the entire family. She's 12 but she's really going to be a great athlete. She's really good in soccer and basketball and has the potential to be really good in softball if she puts her mind to it."

Steven is a sophomore, who split the duties at quarterback this season including throwing a touchdown pass to Greg during the team's big win over North Andover.

"Catching that touchdown pass from my brother was pretty awesome and it's something I'll never forget," said Greg. "Going into the season I was pulling for my brother (to get the starting position). And as much as I didn't want to see someone get hurt, I was glad to see him get a chance to play.

"I was just proud to catch that touchdown pass. I knew he had it in him."

Numbers speak for themselves

The Town Crier gives this award out for a calendar year. If you look at what Greg did the past 12 months, it's pretty impressive. He was a starter on the 18-4 boys basketball team that captured its fifth straight Cape Ann League title, while advancing to the aforementioned second round of the state tournament.

He was named the team's Most Improved Player and was also named the Most Valuable Player of the annual Knights of Columbus/Larry McGrath Memorial Christmas tournament.

In the spring, he was the baseball team's top relief pitcher helping the Wildcats advance to the state tournament and win a playoff game for the first time in six years.

And on the football field, he was the team's top receiver, catching 32 passes for 572 yards, while he also rushed for 54 yards on 11 carries. He ended the season second on the team in points scored with 91, including 8 touchdowns, three conversion receptions and 21 PATs.

The football team ended the season with an 9-2 overall record, which included grabbing a share of the Cape Ann League title and defeating Tewksbury for the fourth straight year, which had never been done in the previous 72 years of the rivalry.

Stewart was also selected as a Cape Ann League all-conference wide receiver, which came a year after being named an all-conference defensive back.

Thus in the three sports, the teams combined for an 38-17 record, with two league titles, two post season victories, while accomplishing something that hadn't been done in six years in one sport and in 72 years in another. Not bad for a year's work.

On top of that, it's believed he joins just Sean Murphy – who graduated last year – as the lone two male athletes to be a starter on three state tournament teams, including two years ago when he was the starting cornerback on the Wildcat football team advanced to the Division 2A playoffs for the first time since his father was a member of the team back in 1976.

Going to the hoop

During the 2005-'06 basketball season, Stewart didn't really know where he stood during pre-season. But he kept working as hard as he could to make decisions that much harder for the coaching staff.

Right before the team's first game of the season against North Reading, head coach Jim McCune informed Stewart that he would be one of the team's starters. Stewart responded with several big games, several games of scoring 17 and 18 points, but scoring is really not his strong point.

"I think last year's (basketball) team we really worked well together," he said. "I might not be the best shooter or anything but I run the floor really well and I play pretty good defense so that's where I get most of my points by transition, hard work and the hustle points.

"I'm not the outside shooter that John (Olivere) is, but I can get down low, get some rebounds and score on hustle points."

And while Stewart was seen getting the dirty points, ala rebounds, transition points, steals and lay-ups, his teammates Joe Herra, Caira and Miele were draining the jump shots and three-pointers, while, Murphy was inside grabbing the boards and getting the put backs.

All of that put together resulted in a 17-3 regular season mark and a league championship.

"I think the expectations coming in to every basketball season is to win, and win the league title," said Stewart. "We had (four) coming into last year's season, so we wanted to win (the fifth straight Cape Ann League title). We didn't want to be that team that ended the streak, so that gave us a lot of motivation.

"I thought we played really well and I think we met the expectations. I don't think we underachieved. I think the expectations were met."

Certainly last year's team had some talent, but Stewart is the first to point out the real reason why the team was successful last year and has been so successful over the past dozen years.

"Coach McCune may come down hard on his players," said Stewart. "But of any coach that I've ever had he has the most respect for his players. He'll go to bat for any player he has. He's a straight up guy. I respect him a lot. I respect him so much that I think he's a great coach."

Added McCune, "Greg just brings that mentality to the team that I love," said McCune. "He's just a digger, a hustler and a scrapper. He's only 5-foot-11 but he plays like he's 6-foot-4. He takes on all comers and that's probably the one thing I really like about him. He's playing the four spot which is not a glorious position, but he's going to have the scraps that are left over and get the hustle points and the rebound points.

"I think Greg is everything you want in a student-athlete – good academically, good athletically and he's a team player especially for us. He doesn't have a glory position. He goes from being a high profiled guy in football to one of these guys that goes in the corner and beats people up on our team. He's very versatile and he's consistent."

A diamond in the rough

Coming off a 3-17 record, the Wilmington High baseball team didn't have too many expectations heading into this past season. Well how could they? But with six starters back, and a transfer in from Arizona, things looked optimistic in the pre-season.

Stewart was told that he would be the team's closer, since he threw the hardest out of any of his fellow pitchers. Brian Caira and Tom Miele, two of his basketball teammates, would be the team's top two pitchers and when they got tired or in trouble, Stewart's job was to come in and shut down the opposing team and get anywhere from two to ten outs when called upon.

The 'Cats started out slow with a 2-5 record. Facing a one-win North Andover team, Wilmington desperately needed a victory. A loss would really put them on the back burner of qualifying for the state tournament. Leading 7-4 at the time, Stewart was called in from the bullpen and got several big outs only to see his teammates score three more runs and come away with a 10-4 win.

That game turned the entire season around. Including that win, the 'Cats won eight of their next ten games which earned them a spot in the Division 2 North sectional tournament, the first time that happened since the late Dick Scanlon guided the team in his final season on the bench back in 2001.

"Everyone wanted to win and that was the difference," said Stewart. "Everyone had a great attitude. We really worked hard and knew what we had to do to be successful. And once we started to get a few wins under our belts we realized that we could do it and that really helped us."

While it seemed like the players all adjusted to their roles and started to play as a team at the right time, Stewart said a lot of the credit should go to the team's third baseman.

"The (transfer) Andy Stratman made a huge difference," said Stewart. "He brought a whole new attitude to the team that we didn't have before. Going into the season everyone was down.

"There wasn't much expectations and I think he came in and just brought a new breath of fresh air. He had a great attitude but I think everyone on the team did.

"We had a lot of kids step up and we were extremely excited to go to the playoff game."

Before reaching the playoffs, Wilmington had to get the ten victories. After the North Andover game made it three wins, the 'Cats magic number was seven. Among those who were picked off, included Triton and Newburyport.

Stewart pitched three plus innings of relief against Triton as he saw his teammates come from behind and win an extra inning game.

And then against one of the state's best teams in Newburyport, Stewart came in the sixth inning with two runners on base and his team leading. He was able to get out of the jam with two strikeouts and a pop up, as the 'Cats won its biggest league game in six years.

"He's done well for us with inherited runners," said baseball coach Aldo Caira after that win. "He's the hardest thrower we have on the team. If you can't count on someone like that at the end of the game, especially a close game like this against a top 20-team, it's a good feeling to have for a coach to be able to rely on someone like that."

Stewart ended up nailing down a handful of the team's victories, but he didn't pitch at all in the team's two post-season games, which included a win over Latin Academy before being eliminated by Wayland in the second round.

"I went from starter to closer and I actually liked that," said Stewart. "I don't throw a lot of curveballs. I throw hard and I think that was going to come in after someone like Tom Miele or Brian Caira who threw a lot of curveballs and off-speed stuff and for me to come in and throw a little harder."

Catching on to a winner

After the summer break, Stewart came in to the football season as a senior. It didn't matter the sport, but again it seemed like there were plenty of preseason questions. Those were answered, just like they were during the baseball season.

Stewart was locked in as the team's starting wide receiver, a huge threat on the outside to compliment the All-Scholastic season put forth by running back Rich Barry, who scored 25 touchdowns.

"I think Greg is just a great all-around athlete," said Almeida. "You get an appreciation for what he can do between baseball, basketball and football. He has exceptional speed, well I would really call it very good speed, but he combines that speed and quickness with his size and strength and that's very rare in the league. He has that toughness, he can jump and he sure can tackle and he's an exceptional blocker.

"Obviously he can catch the ball as a receiver. The yards he gets after the catch is phenomenal. He'll turn a seven yard catch into a 25 yards very quickly. He has that ability to go up and get the ball on every play.

"It really depended on how other teams were playing Greg with what we were trying to do. If they were playing him inside we went to the fade and if they backed off him we went to the slant.

"And he made other teams pay when they decided to load up on the run trying to stop Richie. I think that's why we had such a good balance offensive unit that scored almost 300 points."

Barry and Stewart electrified the team's offense. After the team lost its first game against Belmont in overtime, the 'Cats ended up winning all but one of its final ten games of the season.

"We definitely exceeded expectations (in football) but I don't think we exceeded our expectations," he said. "Everyone was talking about how we lost Herra and Murphy, basically the two best players in the league. A lot of people said that we were going to have a rebuilding year but once again we proved them wrong and we showed that we could win without those key guys."

As much of a threat as he was offensively, Stewart really emerged once again as a defensive back picking off a believed six passes. Two years ago when he was a sophomore, he struggled a bit, but really turned it around with tremendous defensive seasons the past two years.

"Cornerback is probably the toughest position on the field because you're constantly 1-on-1," he said. "My sophomore year was my first year and I made some plays and I struggled to make some, but that year of experience helped me out so much. I just got a lot of confidence and that's what really helped me into my junior year was just having that confidence."

That confidence on the football field carried over to Thanksgiving, where once again Stewart came through. As a junior he caught two touchdown passes, and just a month ago he had all three of the team's offensive catches with three for 44 yards. More importantly, though, he had two defensive interceptions.

" the underdogs going into the Thanksgiving Game," said Stewart. "I think (the Lowell Sun predicted us to lose) by two points. We wanted a share of the league title and it's good to be able to hang a banner in the gym for my senior year.

"I thought the whole team played well, especially the seniors. They all played great knowing it was there last game."

And Stewart then realized that was his last game in a Wildcat uniform. Although he has plans on playing football in college, perhaps at Tufts University, he said walking off Alumni Field after that Tewksbury win is something he'll always cherish.

"Just being with the guys I enjoyed so much," he said. "I was really emotional (after the Tewksbury game). I've been with the team since my freshman year so I'm really going to miss that."

Wilmington High senior Greg Stewart was named to the Cape Ann League All-Offensive football team as a wide receiver, which included scoring eight touchdowns for the 9-2 Wildcats. (file photo)

Stewart was also a pitcher on the baseball team. (file photo)

Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year

2006: Greg Stewart
2005: Joe Herra
2004: Joe Herra
2003: Derek Trueira
2002: Derek Hanley
2001: Ryan Layton
2000: Tim Riley
1999: Eric Banda
1998: Mark DiGiovanni
1997: Scott Swiezynski
1996: Billy Harrison
1995: Doug Olender
1994: Dave DeSantis

Athlete of the 90s decade: Danny Ballou

Female Athlete of the Year: Brianne Bozzella

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win a game and go onto the second round was awesome."

Running for a cause

Bozzella first participated on the track during middle school. She enjoyed it and continued to participate through her first three years of high school and will be a captain for this year's spring team. She's very versatile on the track, competing in the mile, 4x400 relay and also in the triple jump. She hasn't quite made the big leap to all-

star or all-state status in the mile, but in terms of helping Wilmington come away with a few wins here or there with several big first, second or third place finishes, that she's done.

"She runs the mile in the spring and is definitely at a disadvantage with girls that are running all year round," said Bradley. "She shows her athleticism by also being a very credible triple jumper which is a difficult event and she is fast enough to run the 4x400. Regardless of the event, I can always count on getting every thing she has to give."

Her best time in the mile is 5:53 which has just come short of qualifying for the state meet in each of the past few years.

"All three years I've missed qualifying for the states by two or three seconds," she said. "So I'm going to make it this year. At least I'm going to try my hardest to do so."

One impressive accomplishment from this past spring season came when she joined Natalie Russo, Jen Comer and Alicia Murray as part of a school record performance in the 4x400 mile relay race.

"We never really had set people in the mile relay," she said. "But once we finally did, we started to practice and then we started to win. I know two years before that, the relay team never won. And I think between sophomore and junior year we won it four or five times."

Kicking it in style

Coming off a 12-goal season as a junior, Bozzella came into this soccer season as one of the captains on a very young and inexperienced Wildcats' team. She had split time between forward and midfield as a sophomore and junior netting a combined 14 goals, and then had a permanent spot as an outside halfback.

Head coach Sue Hendee elected that position, as opposed to a full-time striker, because the coach said Bozzella had the speed to get back to help the defense and get up the field to help the forwards, while she also had incredible foot strength to strike goals from well outside the '18 yard box. She certainly was right. Bozzella finished the season with a team lead 15 goals, while being elected as a Cape Ann League All-Star, and a Lowell Sun second team all-star selection.

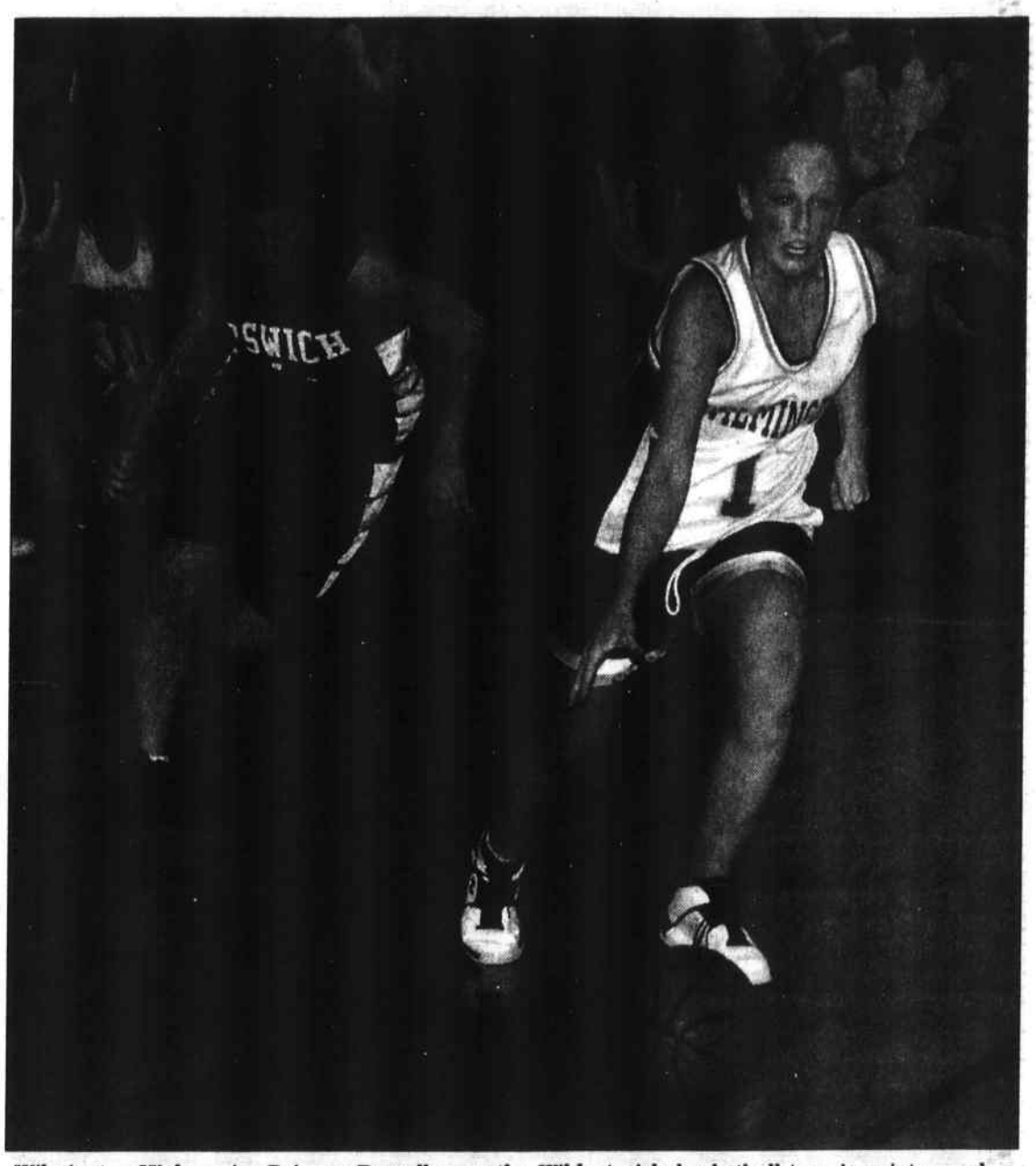
"(Brianne's a) great choice for female athlete of the year," said Hendee. "While there may be athletes who are better in their own individual sport, I feel that Brianne is the best overall athlete, and a standout in each sport. She has great fitness, intensity, competitiveness, strength, and skill. She is also a team oriented player who will do anything to help her team win. Not only will she be hard to replace as our leading scorer, but her leadership on the field will be missed as well."

Of all the three sports, soccer was the toughest in terms of maintaining the proper leadership. Very easily, Bozzella and the rest of the team could have jumped off the ship, packed the coolers up and stored away the 2007 season after starting out with an 0-5 record. Wilmington was very young, very inexperienced and had faced the iron of the league out of the gates while still searching for its true identity. Instead, the team refused to give up, refused to let inexperience and tough teams stand in their way.

Wilmington rallied back and played tremendously in the last three quarters of the season, finishing with a 10-2-1 record, which included a trip to the first round of the Division 2 North sectional tournament in which the team was defeated by Belmont, 2-0.

"This soccer season I'm pretty pumped because no one expected us to do well at all," said Bozzella. "At the beginning of the season everyone said it was a rebuilding season because we had lost so many players off the last few teams. And I think we lost ten off last year's team. And everyone kept saying it would be a rebuilding season and that's so tough when it's your senior year.

"And during the beginning of the season it was tough because we started off just like we did last year with like an 0-5 record. But for us to come around and turn around an 0-5 record and do even better than we did last year was huge. I'm really pumped to be a part of that."



Wilmington High senior Brianne Bozzella was the Wildcat girls basketball team's point guard last year, helping the team advance to the second round of the state tournament. The team finished with 17 wins which was the most victories by any team in over a decade.

(file photo)

In the team's final regular season game against Tewksbury, Bozzella got hurt and was limited to just a few minutes in the Belmont game, which certainly took a lot out of Wilmington's chances to pull out a win against a team that advanced to the sectional final.

"Their keeper wasn't that strong, but their sweeper was very strong and we needed to have someone test the keeper with outside shots and that's exactly what Boz does very well," said Hendee after that Belmont loss. "She played a little bit but not like Boz."

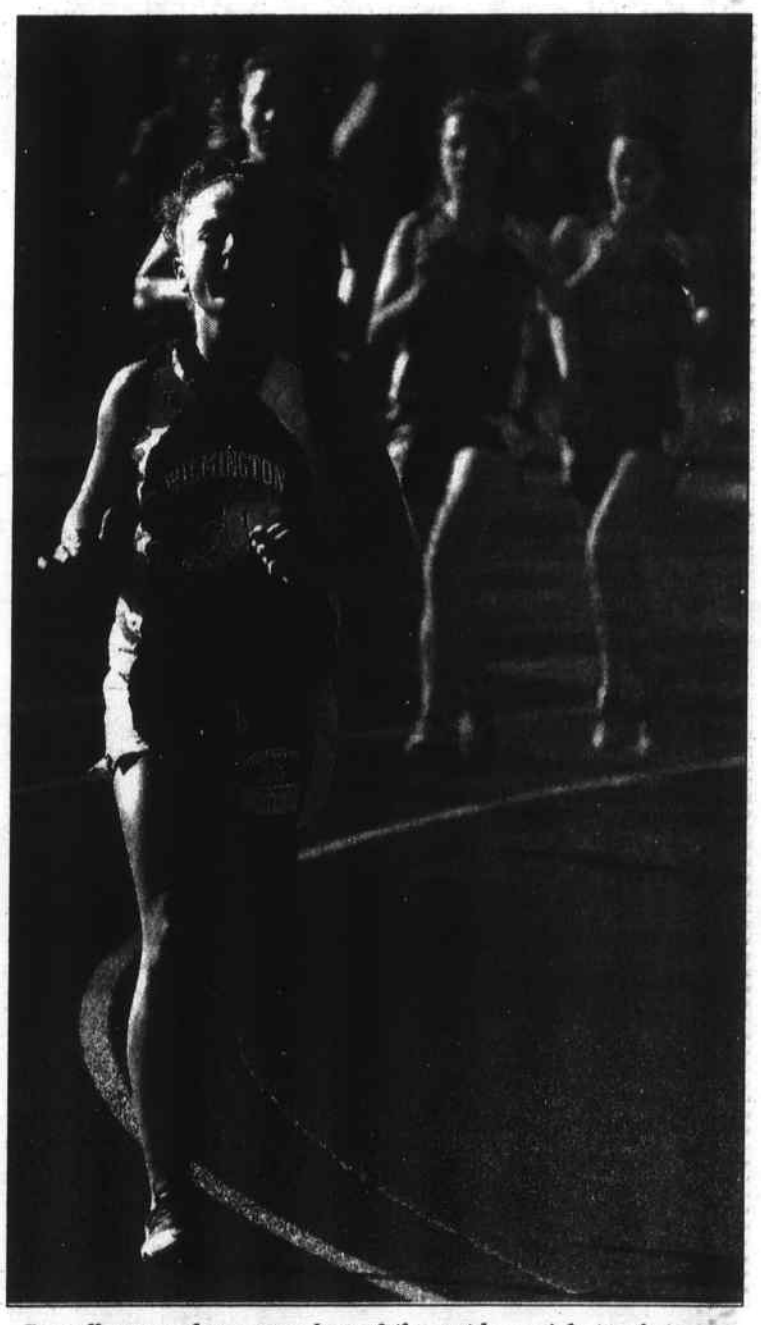
Coming up on the home stretch

The basketball season is just two games old, so Bozzella has at least 18 more games to suit up as a Wildcat before competing for the track team one last time. That gives just two more seasons, more or less, before her entire life will change with high school over, a diploma in her hand and other obstacles to climb such as college. She said that she has applied to early admission at Bentley College and has contact with the Falcons soccer coaches with the thought of continuing to compete on the field.

But until she officially moves into a dorm, or officially puts on a Falcons' uniform, Bozzella said that she wants to remember her final two seasons here at Wilmington, especially with some strong fans.

"My Mom (Lisa, who was a field hockey and basketball player at WHS graduating in 1978) and Dad (Michael) have been at all my games and they are really helpful especially my Dad for basketball," said Brianne, who also has two brothers, Michael and Jesse. "He loves to watch me play basketball. I remember after we lost to Ipswich, I was all upset and he was just like 'OK we have track and soccer coming up'.

"But they've been both been a lot of help."



Bozzella was also a member of the outdoor girls track team, competing in the mile, triple jump and as a member of the 4x400 relay team.

(file photo)

Female Athlete of the Year

2006	Brianne Bozzella
2005	Debbie Lyons
2004	Lani Cabral-Pini
2003	Lauren Rappoli
2002	Ashley Morgado
2001	Jackie Rubino
2000	Kim Gillespie
1999	Kristen Kacamburas
1998	Michelle McGonagle
1997	Melissa Mather
1996	Julie Gillis
1995	Leanne Harris
1994	Nancy Pote

Athlete of the 90s decade: Judy O'Connell

Wilmington Youth Hockey round-up

The Wilmington Squirt B youth hockey team got it into gear in a young season filled with high expectations as they played Melrose, December, 10th, Sunday morning in a dual state contest. From the opening face of the game you could tell that both teams wanted this win bad. Melrose would capitalize first in the first. period as they seemed to move the puck quickly through our defensesive zone.

Joseph Visalli and Ian Perkins recognizing this, they began to pick up the pace and made some key passes and clear outs that allowed the wildcat s to get their offense going. Not long after, Mike Baker would take a feed from Cory Stillings and Eddie Silva and bury it for our first goal tying the game 1-1.

Melrose quickly jumped on the attack again and were successful at getting a few shots on, but Nick Russo held strong not allowing another goal in the first period. The second period brought ample opportunity's to both sides, but Wilmington's defense of Gerry O'Reilly and Kyle Callahan we re determined to keep Melrose at bay. Cory Stillings would score the only goal of the second period with a pass from Mike Baker making it 2 to 1.

With great hustle and the fore checking of Mike Corroccino, Nick Brown, and Mike Cappisrtan, they kept Melrose on their heels and did not give them the chance they were looking for to tie the game. The third period was Wilmingtons best as Nick Russo shut the doors down on the net, and Kevin Cummings and Steve McInnis were making passes and skating the puck out of the zone to lead the offensesive attack.

The hard work paid off when Maddy Ricci hit Maddy Roberts with a pass through center ice and Maddy passed the puck cross ice to Adriena Rossini who burried the shot for the Red line. Shortly after Wilmington would strike again when Mike Baker picked up his second goal of the game with Eddie Silva and SteveMcInnis picking up the assists.

Not less than a minute later with Eddie's third assist and Cory's second assist of the game, they fed Mike Baker for the hat trick giving the Cats a secure victory. Melrose would score one more goal and Wilmington would pick up a 5-2 win.

Squirt D's

Last weekend Wilmington Squirt D's hockey team played Agawam Squirt B at Brooks Acedemy. The Wilmington team stepped on the ice determined. The offensive line of Ryan Hughson, Deven Langenfeld and Eric McNamara had the first scoring opportunities, but Agawam's goalie came up big with saves.

Patrick McGaffigan and Donovan Ryan held strong in the defensive zone but a screened goal resulted by Agawam in the first period. Ending the first period with Agawam in the lead, 1-0.

The second period Agawam dominated. but goalie, Jordan Ravagni, came up with huge saves. Half way in the second period Nicholas Deming stepped in as goalie. Wilmington offensive lines had several chances, cycling the puck in Agawam's offensive zone, passing by Douglas Miller and Marina Maher lead to a breakaway by Megan Stone but no goal resulted. By the end of second period Agawam scored two more goals, giving them a three goal lead.

The excitement escalated in the third period, Wilmington picked up the pace. The defense holding strong at the blue line was Deeanna Mallett, Hilary Hayes and Andrew Brown. Nicholas Deming, in net, didn't allow a goal in for the third period.

Wilmington's offensive put pressure on, The scoring opportunity arose when Michael Demarco passed the puck to Jonathan Parella. Jonathan making a heads up pass to Steven Langenfeld, resulting in a breakaway and scoring with three minutes left. The game ended in a 3-1 loss.

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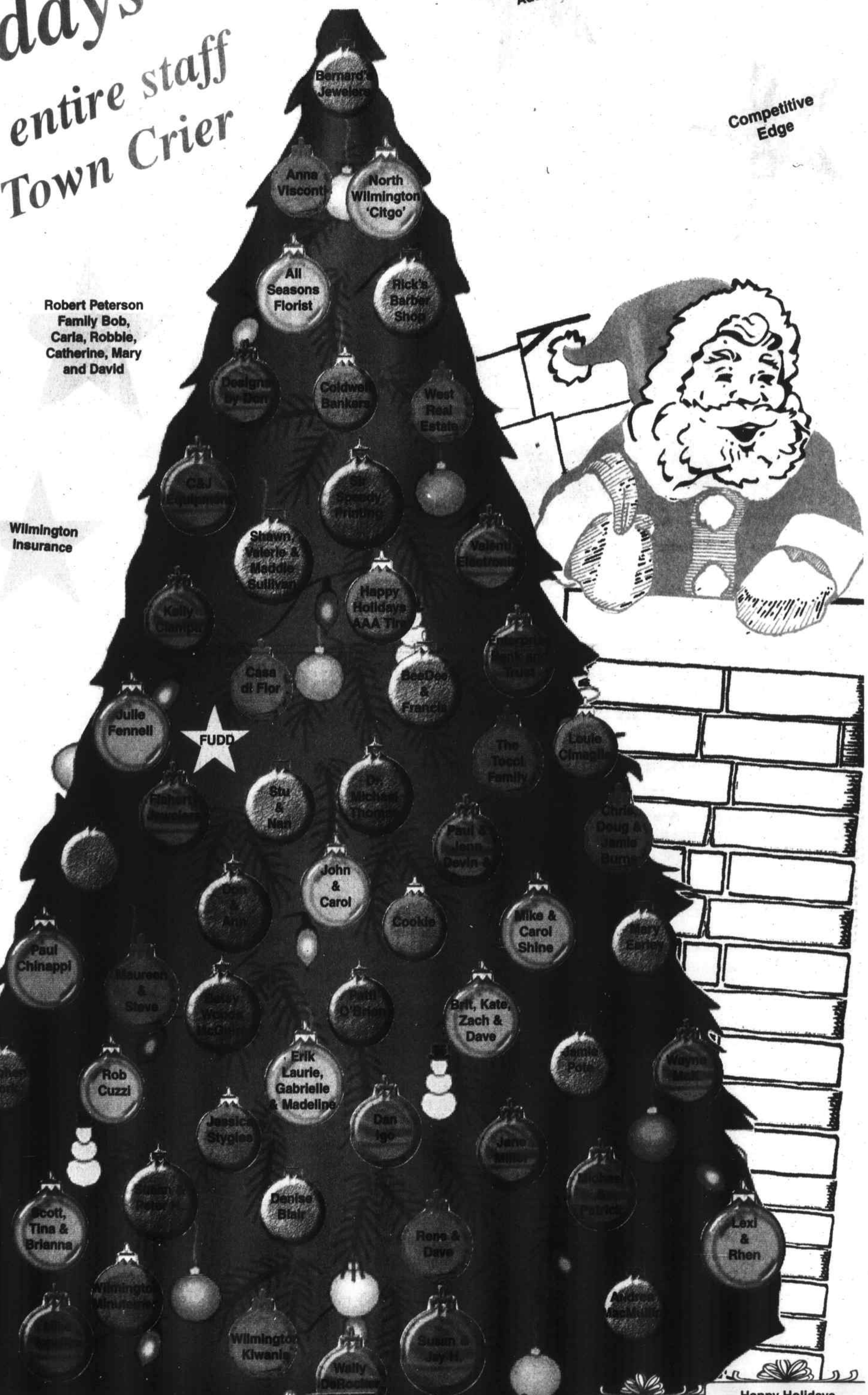

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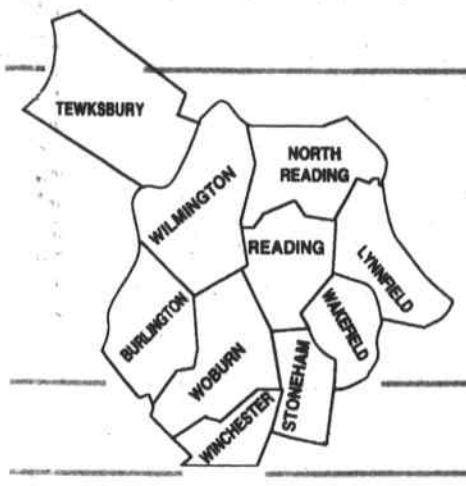

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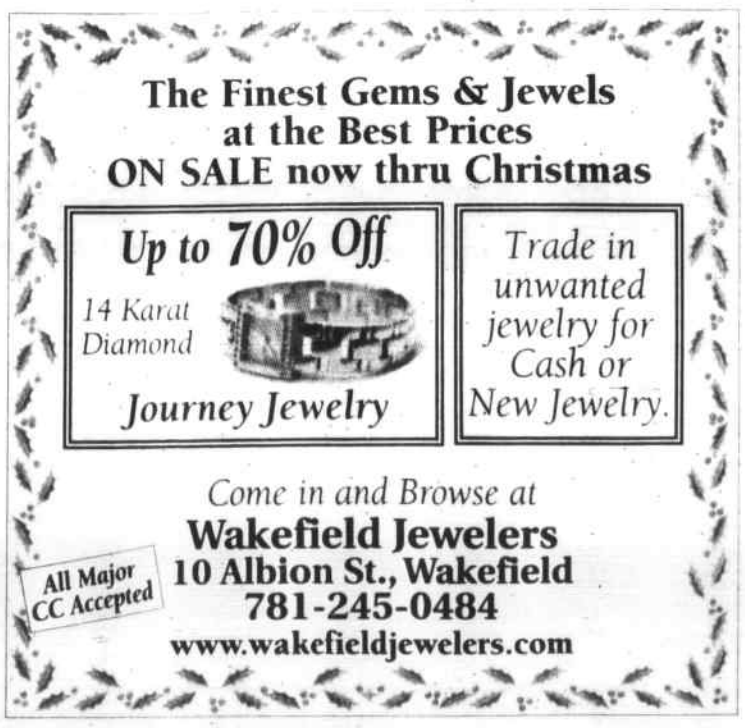

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"ROCKY BALBOA" CORNY AND TOUCHING

THIS PUBLICITY PHOTO, PROVIDED BY MGM, shows Sylvester Stallone returning to the ring in the title role of "Rocky Balboa." The latest in the series of films about the underdog boxer.
(AP Photo/MGM, John Bramley)

"ROCKY BALBOA"
GRADE: ***

The latest installment of the 'Rocky' saga, billed as the greatest underdog story of our time, is exactly what you would expect - formulaic, corny, but surprsingly touching to anyone who grew up with the films.

Many years have passed since Rocky last wore the title belt. His wife, Adrienne, has passed away and Rocky owns a successful little restaurant in Philly, where he loves to discuss his glory days with the patrons. When a computer model fight between the 70's Rocky and the current champ puts Rocky on top, Rocky has thoughts about fighting again. When the champ agrees to an exhibition bout, Rocky gets his chance to do battle in the ring.

For the most part, audiences get exactly what they want to see: a formulaic Rocky sequel. For many, that's just fine. The film has the same tone (aside from Adrienne's death) as the first five films in the series, as well as the same inspirational musiacl score the movies are known for. The performances aren't brilliant, but not bad either. Stallone looks to be in impressive shape for a 60-year-old man and you have to appreciate the amount of physical abuse he went through to make the film. Also, the training montage and fight scenes are done well, and add a nice touch of nostalgia.

Above all, I loved the fast pacing of the film. The first hour is catching up on Rocky's life, and once he decides to jump back in the ring, the last forty minutes just fly by. This quick trip through will keep most audiences from reflecting on how silly the idea of Rocky climbing back into the ring with a champ really is (I mean, would this ever reall happen? No.)

The dialogue is sometimes cheesy and over the top, but overall it's better than expected.

"APOCALYPTO"
GRADE: ***

'Apocalypto' was supposed to be a joke, a chance to poke fun at director Mel Gibson when he's down, an artsy vanity project from a controversial filmmaker and actor who made a very big mistake when he was pulled over by police last summer. It was shot entirely in an ancient language, and featured characters in loincloths with bones through their noses and hair.

Ripe for the pickings, riht? Wrong.

Mel Gibson's epic tale of a 500-year-old Mayan civilization on the brink of utter destruction is, quite simply, awesome.

The story hits the ground running, and rarely pauses for breath. (While well over two hours long, Apocalypto shoots by in a heartbeat.) Hunters in a forest trap and viciously kill a tapir, then dissemble it for eating. They return to their village, their families and friends.

Mothers-in-law nag. Husbands look lovingly at wives. Children frolic.

And then ... all is lost. An invading force seizes the village, savagely killing, torturing and/or raping its inhabitants. Some are shackled and forced off to parts unknown. One woman, named Seven (Dalia Hernandez), is left behind, hiding, with a young son and a belly swollen with another on the way -- soon.

And so, a hero emerges in the form of Jaguar Paw (Rudy Youngblood), the fiercely protective and ingenious husband of Seven. The bulk of the movie focuses on his fight to escape from his increasingly vicious captors and save his family, all the while looking like a Mayan 'Braveheart', well before his time.

One of the best and bloodiest action films ever made, Apocalypto is also a quandary for anyone appalled by Gibson's evident anti-Semitism. But if you can separate Gibson as a person from Gibson as a filmmaker, there is a tremendous amount of pleasure to be found here. (That is, if you can really use a word like "pleasure" when discussing a movie that prominently features a scene in which a sleek black jaguar rips a man's face off.)

"DEJA VU"
GRADE: ***

Denzel Washington tries to save lives in the complicated and not-always-credible plot in Deja Vu, the latest thriller from director Tony Scott.

Washington keeps Deja Vu from flying off the screen, no small feat because the movie contains too many ingredients: domestic terrorism, time travel, post-Katrina wreckage, romance and the occasional conversation about advanced physics.

Anyone familiar with Scott's work (Top Gun, Days of Thunder, Man on Fire) knows he's a master of visual flash. Scott excels at big-screen pyrotechnics, but this time he links the expected car chases, explosions and high-tech hysteria to a plot that's meant to deliver a mind-bending blow.

Deja Vu opens with a horrifying bang. Celebrating Navy enlisted men and their families are blown up on a New Orleans ferry. As a crack Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigator, Doug Carlin (Washington) inspects the crime scene with precision and fervor.

Among other things, Carlin learns that a beautiful young woman (Paula Patton) whose body washed ashore probably was killed before the blast, and her corpse may hold clues to who committed the crime. Carlin comes to believe that the woman's killer and the bomber are one and the same.

The movie's twist arrives when Carlin is told that the government operates a supersophisticated satellite-based surveillance system. It's always four days behind the present, which means that the FBI (represented by Val Kilmer) might be able to scan the docks and identify the fiend who blew up the ferry.

As Carlin immerses himself in the case, he becomes increasingly interested in the woman at the center of his investigation. Using the surveillance equipment, he observes her in the days before her death.

It doesn't take long before we discover that the surveillance equipment might allow someone to travel back in time. Could such a time-traveler alter events to prevent the future in which the ferry blew up?

In the end, Washington has more credibility than the plot, which includes an ending that may leave you scratching your head.

"BOBBY"
GRADE: **

In trying to tell the story of the life and death of Robert F. Kennedy, 'Bobby' writer-director Emilio Estevez takes an interesting approach.

Rather than try to get an actor to hone a Boston accent (a notoriously difficult assignment in Hollywood), he instead creates 22 fictional characters, individuals representing the type of people who may have

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Austin Decathlon team in 6th place

Austin Preparatory School's Academic Decathlon team finished in sixth place in the recent Academic Decathlon Small Schools Regional competition.

The team, comprised of seven students, earned over 18,000 points (based on 20 points for each correct answer) in the field of 17 schools. The curriculum for this year's competition focuses on China and its impact on the modern world.

Individual award winners for Austin include:

Olivia Cappello (freshman, Woburn) - Gold Medals (Art, Music), Silver Medal (Economics), Bronze Medals (Language, Literature) Brian Russo (sophomore, Wakefield) - Gold Medal (History) Stephen Coombes (junior, Tewksbury) - Bronze Medal (Economics) Junior Ryan Taylor of Reading is the recipient of the Gold Coaches' Medal for his strong effort at the competition.

Overall, the Austin team ranked second in Economics and Music and sixth in Art, Language & Literature, Mathematics, History, and Science.

Austin's Academic Decathlon team will next compete on Saturday, February 3, 2007 in the consolation round of state competition at North Reading High School.

Birth

MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY HERRICK (Jill Ikenberry) of Medfield, announce the birth of their second child, Kendall Bernice, born on September 4, 2006 at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston. She has a big sister Kayla.

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

SLEIGHBELLS RINGING...

Presents of mind in North Reading

"John Murphy had a plan," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Murphy, who is Town Meeting Moderator, had a grand design that voters would work their way through all 31 Town Meeting articles in time for him to be home to see his favorite television show, CSI:Miami at 10 p.m.

"And for a time Murphy's game plan appeared to be working. Voters whipped through the first 25 articles by 9:30 p.m. With only six articles remaining, it looked like Murphy would soon be reaching for the remote control buttons.

"And then came Articles 26 and 27.

"Hopefully, Murphy remembered to set the Tivo before he left the house because Town Meeting was still in session two hours later, finally finishing at 11:30 p.m.

"Maybe he caught Late Night with Conan O'Brien instead.

"The lion's share of the entire evening at Town Meeting was spent debating articles 26-30, related to the establishment of a town Youth Services Committee and a Youth Services Director as a town employee.

"After much discussion, NRYSSA, the North Reading Youth Services Support Association, won its campaign to create the youth services director's position as a town employee.

"The result came on a series of votes that culminated in a 105 to 25 ballot. The Selectmen had favored an alternative proposal to appoint a study committee to decide how the director's position and its funding could be best integrated and accommodated in town government.

"But in view of the meeting's clear endorsement of NRYSSA's argument that now is the time to act, the study committee article was passed over.

"Rita Mullin said she was 'absolutely, vehemently opposed' to the study committee, saying NRYSSA has already raised $60,000 to date and has promised to cover the cost of the director's salary, health insurance and other benefits until the position is established.

"'It's a gift from NRYSSA and it's a gift to our children,' she stated...."

Peace offerings in Stoneham

"The Stoneham Board of Selectmen again joined with the School Committee for a joint meeting before their regularly scheduled meeting, and again discussed the merging of the Business Manager and Town Accountant positions into one Director of Finance position," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"School Committee Chairman Kristin Russo, along with members of the School Committee and Selectmen as well as Town Administrator Ron Florino and School Superintendent Joe Connelly, met with Ashland Town Manager John Petrin about implementing the business manager/ town accountant/ finance director model currently utilized in the small hamlet of Harvard.

"'Petrin was very enthusiastic about how things have gone in Harvard and it's something that he's trying to implement in Ashland as well - and the town of Reading has done something similar to Harvard, but not quite to that extent,' said Russo, of the guest from a Harvard town with a budget less than $10 million and a smaller school system than Stoneham. 'It was a very good meeting with a good basis to build on. No downsizing to staff and it improved communication between the school side and the town side. There was no real cost savings, but there was a major gain in efficiency and communication improvements...they were strictly policy and had nothing to do with the process.'

"'It also harbored a team approach that really increased the harmony between the schools and the town, and he was pretty adamant that this was a three to five year process...not something that would happen overnight,' added Russo. 'We're in a unique spot, where we have a Town Administrator opening and a Superintendent of Schools opening and we really are in a place where we can think about things at the town level from a long term viewpoint. It's a great opportunity for the town to look ahead....'"

The gift of knowledge in Tewksbury

"Special Town Meeting brought victory for the education advocacy group U-25 as a close vote on Article One narrowly passed the hiring of ten new teachers," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"Voters also approved a new 25-unit 55+ community, established the Community Preservation Fund budget, voted for a tax cut for all homeowners, and raised parking violation fees.

"Jamey Cutelis, local attorney and leader of parent group U-25, took the floor early on in the meeting to introduce an amendment to Article One, which sought $171,000 for the School Department to restore one school bus and three elementary teaching positions. The article also added $35,000 to the town's Stabilization Fund.

"The amendment added $201,875 to the $171,000 for the School Department for the hiring of seven more teachers, or a total of ten teachers. The hiring of ten teachers will replace the number lost due to budget cuts to the fiscal year 2007 budget. The source of the new funding comes from the '$1 million free cash windfall,' according to U-25's pre-meeting handout. The article passed, as amended, in a close vote of 218 for and 197 against.

"The Finance Committee recommended adoption of the article at the original $171,000 level, as did Town Manager David Cressman, who cautioned against the use of any portion of the $1.5 million in certified free cash.

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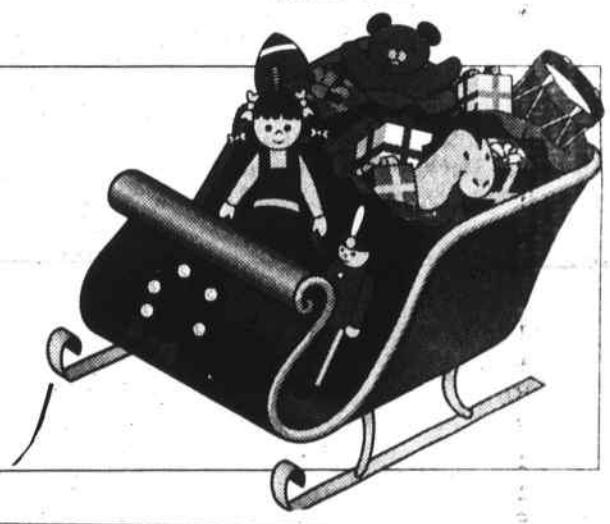

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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

SEASONAL GREETINGS...

Once upon another holiday (Burlington)

"During the Columbus Day weekend, the Burlington High School Marching Band once again attended the Salem (N.H.) High School Eleventh Invitational Band Show, an annual exhibit of marching bands that is highly anticipated by all," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"This year's Invitational included 15 bands that ranged in size from approximately 40 to 375 members.

"The BHS Marching Band performed second on the program.

"By request of Director Matt Lovell, they arrived at the school by 4 p.m. for a 4:45 p.m. departure by bus, donning uniforms and hats (with plumes), toting instruments, ready and waiting to board the buses for what awaited them in New Hampshire.

"As the clock ticked past 3 p.m., no buses were in sight and Mr. Lovell grew concerned. Springing into action, he directed the students to 'phone home' in an attempt to recruit parent volunteers as members of a caravan to Salem.

"Before anyone knew it, vehicles that were in the middle point of their rides were turning around because, as the old adage says, 'the show must go on!.'

"In the meantime, the stands were filled to capacity at Salem High School with spectators who were eagerly awaiting the start of the program.

"Back on Routes 128 and 93, it was a riotous sight to see the cars filled with uniformed teens, plumes and instruments 'at attention' (I recall seeing several trombone slides reaching the ceiling of one Toyota).

"Transporting nearly 90 students and their performance paraphernalia may have been daunting to many, but for this group, their director and their coaches, it was what one might call an 'adventure!...'"

Proof positive (Reading)

"This year, for the first time, Reading Memorial High School has a School Resource Officer," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Although the School Resource Officer is a new addition to Reading schools, the position is actually part of a trend that began in the Western states and is now being implemented more and more in the northeast area. School Resource Officers have also been placed in several school districts near Reading, such as Burlington and Winchester. Reading was able to begin the School Resource Officer program with grants that the school department recently received, and also with grants from the Reading Police Department.

"So, what exactly does a School Resource Officer do? While the job description varies slightly in each district based on the cultures of both the town and the school, the School Resource Officer's main goal is to become a part of the school community and consequently develop a sense of trust with the students, so they feel that they can come to the officer with any type of problem that they may have.

"Officer Abate, the new School Resource Officer at RMHS, was inspired to enter the police force because he grew up with a father who was a police officer. He is an RMHS graduate, and about eight months ago, he graduated from the Lowell Police Academy. 'I enjoy knowing that I have a rewarding career, and one that involves helping people,' Officer Abate said...."

There's always next year (Woburn)

"The city's School Committee unanimously authorized Supt. Dr. Carl Batchelder to submit preliminary forms to a state agency expressing interest in new school building projects," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Although a separate city advisory board recently recommended that the mayor endorse an educational consolidation plan that folded Woburn's six yet-to-be rebuilt elementary schools into three new facilities, school officials stressed that the action did not bind the

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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•**MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA**

What New England Patriot shared Pro Bowl MVP honors with WR Keyshawn Johnson in 1999?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•This past month, **WOBURN'S MIKE TOBIN** was named a second team all-star by the Worcester Area Football Association. Mike is a senior placekicker for the DII Assumption Greyhounds. Mike was a Middlesex League all-star soccer player while at WMHS and played soccer for the Greyhounds for two years before switching to football. The Greyhounds went 4-5 this year in NE-10 competion..

•With 17 points and six rebounds from sophomore **ELLEN NAUGHTON, (READING, MA)** the Colby-Sawyer College Chargers picked up a hard fought 64-50 win over the Leopards of Wentworth on Tuesday night, December 5, 2006 in the Commonwealth Coast Conference play.

•**SHAUN KEELEY, FROM WOBURN**, was named Rookie of the Year for the Stonehill College Men's Soccer Team recently. As a Freshman, Keeley started every game, finished 2nd in scoring for the Skyhawks and 2nd in assists for the NE 10 conference. He was also named Freshman Player of the Week twice this past season for the NE 10.

•**READING'S JARED KAZANOVICZ** had a successful season rotating in at guard on the Trinity College football team as a sophomore.

•**WOBURN'S KRISTEN DWYER**, a freshman forward for the Trinity College women's basketball team, had 10 points in the team's season opener, a 67-48 win over Regis College..

•**NORTHEAST METRO TECH SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA CRONIN** extends congratulations to Head Football Coach Don Heres, his staff and the entire team for posting the first winning season in 11 years. Leading the team offensively was Romon Yniguez of Revere, who was named Commonwealth Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player. Ramon rushed for 1256 yards on only 108 carries and had 10 touchdowns. Joining Ramon as C.A.C. All-stars were, Paul Shaughnessy of Malden, Ryan Nelson of Charlestown an excellent lineman and Bryan Rose of Charlestown who was the field general who without his leadership at the quarterback position our offense never would have clicked. Defensively the Knights were led by **JUNIOR MIKE CALDERONE OF WAKEFIELD** with 90 tackles, Nick Carmilia of Revere was second on the team in tackles. In the defensive secondary Paul Shaughnessy led the team with four interceptions and Sophomore Mike Cain of Charlestown added three more. Shoring up the defensive line was **SENIOR CAPTAIN NICK SMITH OF WOBURN** who was a run stopper and was consistently putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

Coach Heres is looking forward to the 2007 season as Northeast will have experienced players returning on offensive including **NICK ALOISI OF NORTH READING, GREG VENDETTI OF STONEHAM,** Joe Leon of Malden, Dana Romboli of Everett, **JOE ESQUILIN OF WOBURN, MIKE CALDERONE OF WAKEFIELD,** Dennis Lombardi, and Chris MacDonald of Malden. Defensive returnees include **JOHN "BUBBA" WINSTON OF NORTH READING,** Mike Scola of Malden, **BOBBY CLINTON OF STONEHAM,** Mike Calderone, Dennis Lombardi, Mike Cain and Greg Vendetti

•**ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION:** New England Patriots Cornerback Ty Law shared Pro Bowl MVP honors with WR Keyshawn Johnson in 1999.

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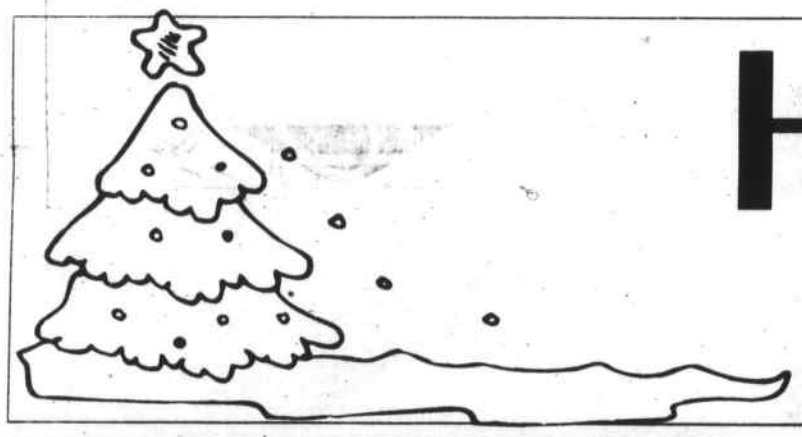

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Meet at the Botume House at 4 Woodland Road in Stoneham during school vacation week from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Department of Conservation and Recreation Visitor Center staff will assist participants with 4 of the required 8 activities and supply take home materials to those wishing to complete the program and earn their patch.

Youths (recommended ages 8 - 12) may choose to come as regularly or infrequently as they like. Adults are asked to join in the first and last 15 minutes of the day.

Pre-register for Junior Rangers, or inquire about the numerous free programs offered by the DCR throughout the North Region by calling Lynn Hildenbrand at 781-662-5214.

LEARN-TO-SKATE CLASSES IN MEDFORD

Join the winter Learn-To-Skate classes for children ages 4 1/2 and up and for adults at the Medford Flynn Rink on Woodland Road, the LoConte Rink on Veterans Memorial Pkwy. and the Waltham Veterans Memorial Rink on Totten Pond Road.

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For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit www.baystateskatingschool.org

NARFE CHAPTER 507 CANCELS MEETING

Since NARFE"s January meeting is so close after the holidays it was decided by the board to forego this meeting. The next meeting will be on February 7 at the Reading Senior Center.

There will be another Pipeline news letter coming in January reminding you of the date and the speaker for the meeting. Also, with the help of local news companies, they hope to have a reminder notice in their calendar columns.

OIL STILL-LIFE DEMONSTRATION

On Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Reading Art Association will present an oil still-life demonstration at Guild Hall, Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street in Reading.

Jeff Hayes is an artist living and working in Boston, creating still landscapes and portraits in contemporary realist tradition. He has been practicing the Painting-A-Day discipline since August, 2006, creating one finished work every weekday, an ongoing, exciting challenge.

Jeff reports that painting is the third career in his life. The first 2, as a musician and then as a developer of internet software, still breathe their influence into his work. The study of music has given him a very strong sense of rhythm, line and balance.

Most of his paintings, particularly his daily paintings, begin with a connection with a common object or scene. This promises to be an opportunity to start off 2007 with an inspiring art experience. Light refreshments will be served.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES IN WALTHAM

American Sign Language classes, winter quarter 2007, will be held January 8 to March 19 at Communicative Health Care, 977 Main Street Waltham.

Small class size always. For more information call 781-899-4709.

TOT SHABBAT SERVICE BY BURLINGTON TEMPLE

Temple Shalom Emeth, Burlington continues its annual Tot Shabbat program on Saturday, January 13 at 10 a.m. at the Temple. After the age-appropriate, lively service, there will be songs and stories, and we will construct our own stringed instrument as we learn about King David and Jewish music.

Tot Shabbat is geared towards families with children ages 6 and under, though older siblings are always welcome.

Temple Shalom Emeth, located at 16 Lexington Street in Burlington, is a reform synagogue, serving Burlington and the neighboring communities. For more information or to be added to the Tot Shabbat mailing list, please call 781-272-2351 or wwwuahc.org/ma/tse.

VOLUNTEER WITH HOMELESS CHILDREN

Horizon for Homeless Children is currently seeking fun loving, dependable people to play and develop relationships with children living in family homeless shelters in Northeastern Massachusetts.

A commitment of 2 hours a week is required for at least 6 months. Day and evening hours are available. The next volunteer training will be held in Lawrence February 6 and 7 from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information or to register visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org or call Sheila Carman at 978-557-2182.

UMPIRES ANNOUNCE DATES FOR CLASSES

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announced today that the umpiring clinic for adult men, women and teens (over 16) who want to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires will be held on Thursday, January 11 and continue on consecutive Thursdays for the next 7 weeks. The official Major League Baseball umpire's exam will be administered at the end of the class.

Anyone interested should contact the MVUA Umpires Assn. 2nd Vice President John Silva (978-462-4599) or President Steve Martineiil (978-423-1633) for more information or email umpires@mvua.org.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE IN MIDDLETON

A free Hunter Education course will be held in Middleton at the Danvers Fish and Game Club, Birch Road on January 6, 13 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Upon successful completion of the Basic Hunter Education course, all students will receive a Massachusetts Hunter Education Certificate. This certificate of completion allows all persons 15 years of age or older to purchase a MA hunting or sporting license. It also allows young men and women between 15 and 17 years old to hunt alone on their first Massachusetts hunting license. All U.S., Canada and Mexico recognize this government issued certificate of completion for the purchase of a hunting or sporting license.

Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass. General Law to make application with the licensing authority for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card. Check with your local police to fulfill all firearms licensing requirements in your town.

For additional information on courses, write MA Hunter Education Program, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, Ma.01473-0408 or call 978-632-7648. www.mass.fov/masswildlife.

OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY ABROAD

"Qualified high school students are offered a unique opportunity to spend an academic year, three month program, or summer holiday in Europe, Asia, North and South America, New Zealand, Australia or South Africa as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program," announced Gretchen Wietmarschen, Eastern Director of ASSE.

"Until a few years ago only a fortunate few could afford to spend a school year or summer abroad. ASSE has changed all that," continued Wietmarschen.

Students, 15 to 18 years of age, qualify on the basis of academic performance, character references and a genuine desire to experience abroad with a volunteer host family in one of the many ASSE host countries.

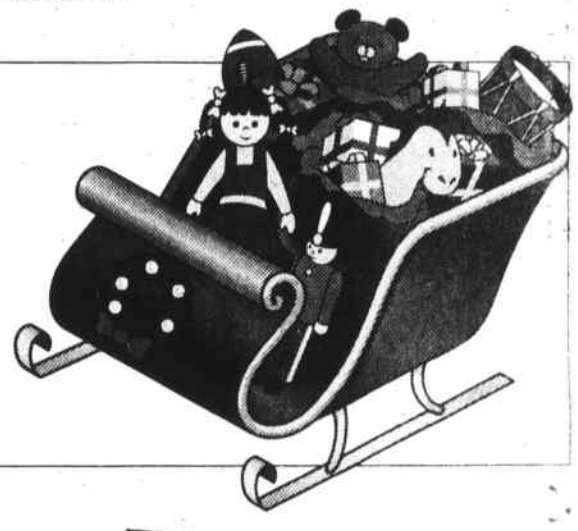
Students need not have learned a foreign language prior to program participation as they receive language and cultural instruction as part of the ASSE program. ASSE students attend regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends.

ASSE also provides international opportunities for American families to host students from Europe, the Republics of the former Soviet Union, South America, Asia, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. These select students are 15 to 18 years old and will attend the local high school for a semester or an academic year.

Students and families interested in receiving more infor-

Calendar to S-8

HOLIDAY IDEAS



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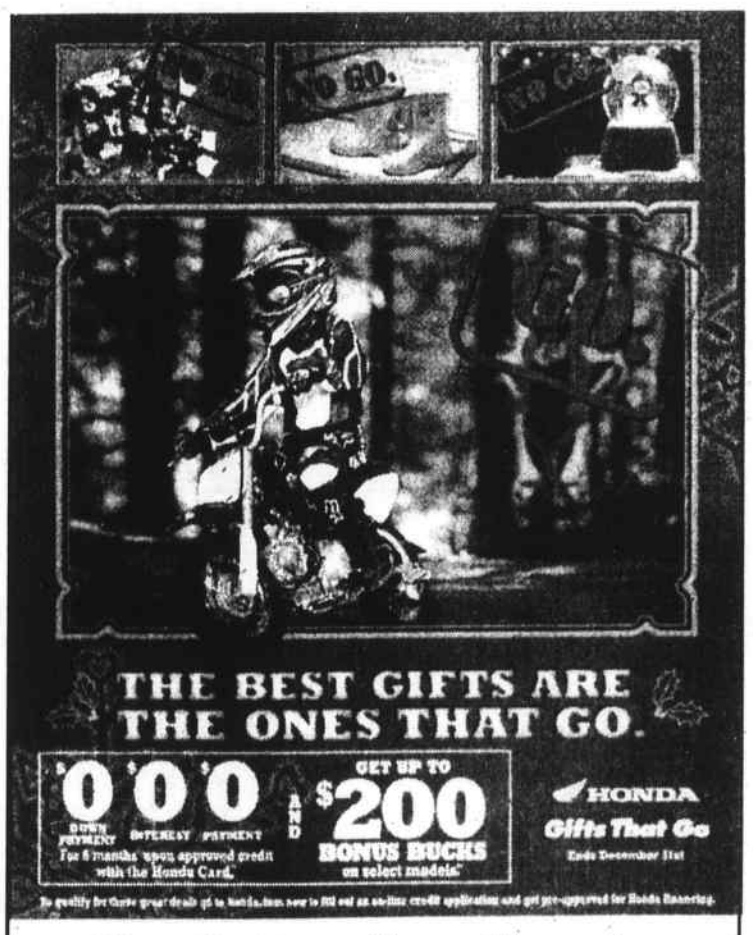

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117 FRANCIS WYMAN ROAD was sold to Robert Murray by Michael Murray Sr. and Mary Murray for $316,000.

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21 GEDICK ROAD was sold to Emily Sacca and Michael Sacca by Richard Kurkoski for $349,000.

4 RHUEY PASS was sold to Ana Cole and Janet Milley by Pine Tree Rt. and Thomas Murray Jr. Tr. for $360,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: $517,500

47 HIGHLAND AVENUE was sold to Deanne Mantia by Jodi Neil for $360,000.

2 JOSEPH LANE L:4B was sold to Mark Cullinan and Mark F Cullinane by Joseph Lane LLC for $1,301,683.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: $404,000

128 ELM STREET was sold to Dave Lavoie and Stephanie Logiudice by Richard Warfield and Teara Edwards for $320,000.

7 GREENBRIAR DRIVE U:102 was sold to David Carlson by Robert and Loannah Foti for $210,000.

15 LIBERTY LANE was sold to Gregory Kolligian Jr. by Stephen Panaro for $1,025,000.

40 MAIN STREET U:1 was sold to Martine Carroll by Howland Nt. and Lorraine Howland Tr. for $157,500.

-READING-

Median Price: $425,900

57 BORDER ROAD was sold to Ellen Carey and Jose Oliveira by Jeanne Murphy for $304,000.

105 LIBBY AVENUE was sold to Paul Pandolfo by Cornerstone Ventures LLC for $325,000.

81 VINE STREET was sold to Daniel and Lindsey McCarthy by Brown Holding T. and Joshua Latham for $315,000.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: $399,450

5 MARDIN LANE was sold to Christopher and Susan Ellis by Kathleen and Peter Prizio for $620,000.

2-4 PEABODY ROAD was sold to Cesare and Jan Cinganelli by Frank Petrillo for $580,000.

24 TAMAROCK TERRACE was sold to Mitesh and Shilpa Patel by Theresa Sutter for $540,000.

311 WILLIAM STREET was sold to Margeret and Nicholas Lafauci by Charles Cerretani for $390,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: $358,250

60 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE was sold to Pisey and Rithea Phend by David and Priscilla Lynde for $507,500.

106 FISKE STREET was sold to Steven Balba by John Poulos Jr. and Ruth Poulos for $437,000.

251 KENDALL STREET was sold to Kristine and Matthew Sheedy by Edward and Tara Summers for $530,000.

1830 MAIN STREET U:23 was sold to Brian and Colleen Caterino by Eileen Pacheco for $238,750.

131 MERRIMACK MEADOWS LANE U:131 was sold to Jennifer and Ryan Downs by Kristine Canelas and Kristine Sheedy for $285,000.

164 PATRICK ROAD U:164 was sold to Primacy Closing Corp. by Tanya Hagopian and Tanya Howard for $235,000.

164 PATRICK ROAD U:164 was sold to Melissa Matley and Michael Watkins by Primacy Closing Corp. for $240,000.

5 RHODA STREET was sold to Katey Sullivan and Kevin Belanger by Irene Whelton for $300,000.

65 SUNNYSLOPE AVENUE was sold to CRP 2 Holdings CC LP by DCT RN Portfol Sunnyslope and DCT Tr Industrial T. Inc. for $10,500,000.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: $395,000

17 ATWOOD AVENUE was sold to Jamie and Robert Daly by J&C Ft. and James Smith Jr. Tr. for $321,125.

29 BENNETT STREET was sold to Jenna Ciccone by Juan Ascencio and Patrick Dean for $459,100.

41 COOLIDGE PARK was sold to Robert Shannon by Catherine and John Mansolilli for $345,000.

87 ELM STREET was sold to Mark and Dawn Townshend by Townshend Rt. and Charles Townshend Tr. for $430,000.

5 GREENWOOD STREET was sold to Heather Filkin by Christopher Alexandrou for $240,000.

Transfers to S-11

Movies

from S-2

been in the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, and has their stories connect in the ballroom, just as Kennedy was giving his victory speech after winning the California primary and just before he would be assassinated.

It's a unique approach, and Estevez deserves credit for taking this on. In tackling such an emotional, historic topic on such a complex scale, the one-time Brat Packer has come a long way from his early films, including the 1990 comedy "Men at Work."

"Bobby" is a great idea, taken too far. Estevez has crammed too many characters and too many plot lines into one building (and one two-hour period). Throw in footage of Kennedy making speeches and meeting voters and its easy to lose your place when following the story.

So many people come and so many people go, and the movie bounces between them all so quickly, it's impossible to get to know or sympathize with any of them. And when the bullets start flying wildly in the hotel kitchen, it's hard to care whether any of them make it out alive.

Estevez probably could have cut the cast in half and been much better off. Did we really need all this: Lindsay Lohan is a young woman marrying a high school classmate (Elijah Wood) to keep him from being shipped to Vietnam; Sharon Stone is an aging beautician, with William H. Macy as her cheating, hotel-manager husband; Laurence Fishburne is the hotel's philosophical sous chef; Martin Sheen, as an East Coast executive trying to reconnect with his much younger wife, played by Helen Hunt.

Other storylines work well. Demi Moore does some of her best work in years as a pop singer who's too drunk to realize she's past her prime.

Joshua Jackson is solid as one of Kennedy's top campaign aides, and Ashton Kutcher (maybe he and Moore came as a combo package at the casting call?) provides some laughs as the intensely earnest drug dealer who introduces a couple of young, impressionable campaign volunteers (Shia LeBeouf and Brian Geraghty) to LSD.

"Bobby" is a great idea turned much too grandiose. If you want to learn about RFK, turn on the History Channel any November.

Please Recycle This Newspaper

Notes

From S-4

municipality to that proposal.

"The Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA) is expected to lift a four-year moratorium on offering cities and towns partial reimbursements for school construction projects this July.

"The state entity, formerly organized under the Mass. Department of Education (DOE), is expected to provide less funding than in the past for educational buildings.

"Under the previous DOE building program, Woburn received reimbursement rates as high as 64 percent for the new WMHS, Reeves, White and Shamrock Elementary Schools.

"State officials forecast that the revitalized program will have a $500 million budget in its first year, fiscal year 2008.

"'The intention is not to select a particular plan, but to provide these forms so that we are in line for particular funds,' School Committee member Denis Russell explained. 'If we don't submit these statements of interest, where we identify deficiencies in our schools, we're not going to be asked to apply for new construction projects.' Batchelder chimed in...."

If you'd like to read about your favorite school, student or teacher in "School Notes," please send school newsletters and other relevant information to Phyllis Nissen, "School Notes," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net. We welcome student writing.

Towns

From S-3

recurring expenses or personnel,' stated Cressman. 'You can get yourself in a dangerous financial position.'

"Ronald Hall of the Finance Committee rose in support of the U-25 amendment as did School Committee Chair Keith Rauseo, who expressed the support of the entire School Committee...."

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Each year, shoppers are greeted by the sights of the holiday season at area stores, including strung garland, lights and masses of bright red poinsettia plants. However, it's an appearance by the man in red that really signifies the arrival of Christmas. Department stores count on Santa Claus to attract customers to pose for pictures and shop the day away.

History suggests the department store Santa made his debut in 1841, when J.W. Parkinson, a Philadelphia merchant, hired a man to dress up in a "Kris Kringle" outfit and climb the chimney of his store. It wasn't until forty years later that a Boston merchant repeated the idea, hiring a Scottish immigrant named Edgar, who happened to be tall and a little round around the middle and who boasted a white beard, a warm voice and a hearty laugh.

Gift baskets are great for sending

As families continue to grow and grow, finding the right gift for a distant relative can be a tough call, especially for a cousin you rarely see or an in-law you barely know.

One popular route to take is the gift basket. Along the lines of a gift certificate, a gift basket has almost universal appeal. Gift baskets can be tailored to a person's specific needs or interests and don't require an in-depth knowledge of that person's life history to ensure they're smiling come Christmas morning. The following gift basket ideas are perfect choices for anyone stuck on what to get.

• A bath gift basket. Men who are stuck on what to get a sister-in-law or a distant female relative may find a bathtime gift basket a lifesaver. Fill the basket with soaps, scented oil beads, an aromatherapy candle, a bath sponge, and even some herbal tea. The appeal of this type of gift basket is the relaxation it promotes. Such relaxation is something everyone can appreciate once the holiday season has come and gone.

• A housewarming gift basket. This is a perfect gift idea for a couple who recently purchased a new home. Oftentimes, such couples are difficult to buy for, as you might not know what they already have but are certain they need a lot to fill their home. A housewarming gift basket can be filled with all the little knick-knacks that first-time homeowners might have overlooked, such as gardening tools, painting materials, kitchen items, etc.

• Food gift baskets. Food gift baskets are perhaps the most popular types of gift baskets around the holiday season. Everyone likes to eat, and many people eat a little extra come the holiday season. While numerous stores offer premade gift baskets with traditional favorites such as fruits and chocolates, you can save yourself some money by purchasing your own basket and personalizing it — a gesture that might be appreciated by the gift's recipient. For instance, include the necessary ingredients for a special meal, such as pasta, parmesan cheese, oregano, a wooden spoon, a jar of pasta sauce, and an Italian cookbook.

• Pet gift basket. For that relative who recently adopted or welcomed a new pet into the family, or for someone whose pet is truly a best friend, put together a gift basket for the pet. Dog owners would love a gift basket filled with dog bones, dog treats, a new collar, and even some dog toys. For cat owners, include a ball of yarn, some specialty cat food or even a comfortable cushion.

• Movie gift basket. For the family film buff, a Hollywood-themed gift basket can be just what the doctor ordered. Ask a relative who might be in the know concerning what movies the person on your list might like, and then put a couple of DVD's in a gift basket. On top of the films themselves, include a box of popcorn, some candies and even a gift certificate to the local movie-rental store.

• Sports gift baskets. For women stuck on what to get someone who doubles as a sports nut, put together a gift basket designed around a favorite sports team. Include a T-shirt, coffee mug, framed photo, and possibly even a pair of tickets to an upcoming game. Any sports fan would appreciate a gift geared toward his love for the local team, and finding such items to fill the basket won't take much time at all.

Gift baskets are a fun and creative way to show someone that you care.

Giving the gift of money

Each year, the holiday season is loaded with frustrated shoppers who have little or no idea about what to get for a loved one. One gift that fits all and never results in a sad face is money. Though some feel giving money is inappropriate around the holidays, most people would far prefer a few extra dollars as opposed to another pair of socks.

But giving money is not as easy as simply putting cash in a card. Like other gifts around the holidays, a certain etiquette comes with giving green. For those thinking of giving the gift of cash for Hanukkah or Christmas, consider the following guidelines.

• Establishing how much to give. In general, when giving a gift of $100 or less, it's commonplace to give cash as opposed to a personal check. Checks can prove to be a nuisance for a person who might not have an account with your bank. Also, if you're sending money long distance, a check can take up to several days to clear from a bank in a different geographical region. In such cases, you're actually giving a card can usually be used anywhere that accepts plastic, gift certificates are often limited to specific stores (although malls often offer gift certificates covering most stores in the mall).

It's also important to consider how much you're going to give to each person. Typically, the closer a person is, the more you should give. For instance, it's appropriate to give a close relative a gift of at least $50. In fact, $50 is a good amount for a close relative. In the case of distant relatives or friends, a gift of $20 to $25 is perfectly acceptable.

• Give plastic to save some hassle. For those wary of sending cash through the mail, prepaid debit and credit cards can be a safer method. Oftentimes, cards such as these are protected, meaning a prompt reporting of a lost or stolen card will ensure your money's safe. What makes these cards so convenient is that buyers can typically put whatever amount they choose on the card.

• Choose a gift certificate. Almost the same as giving cash is giving a gift certificate. While a prepaid debit or credit

• Stocks are not off-limits. While most people, especially children, won't be too thrilled about receiving stocks for Christmas, some people might actually enjoy such a gift very much. Several online investment sites even allow customers to open an account for as little as $25. Also, such gifts could also prove to be quite fun for older kids, who might enjoy seeing how their investments (hopefully) grow over time. For kids, consider giving them shares of a company they might be interested in, such as a toy company.

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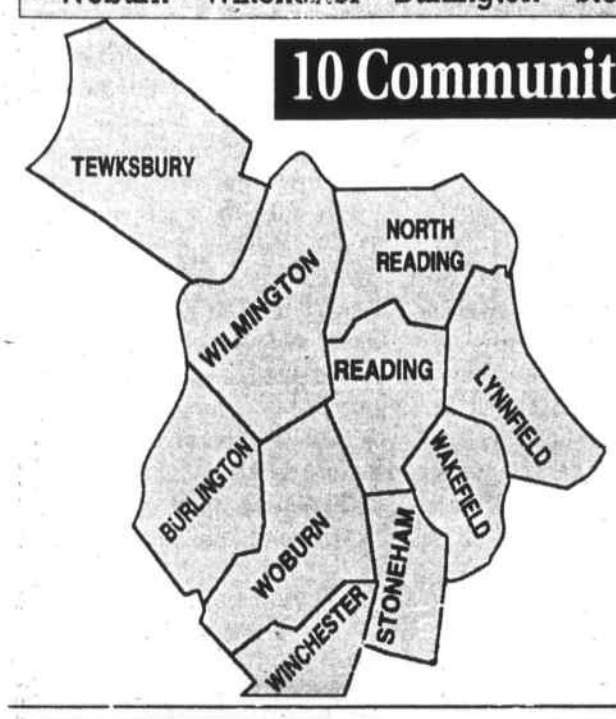

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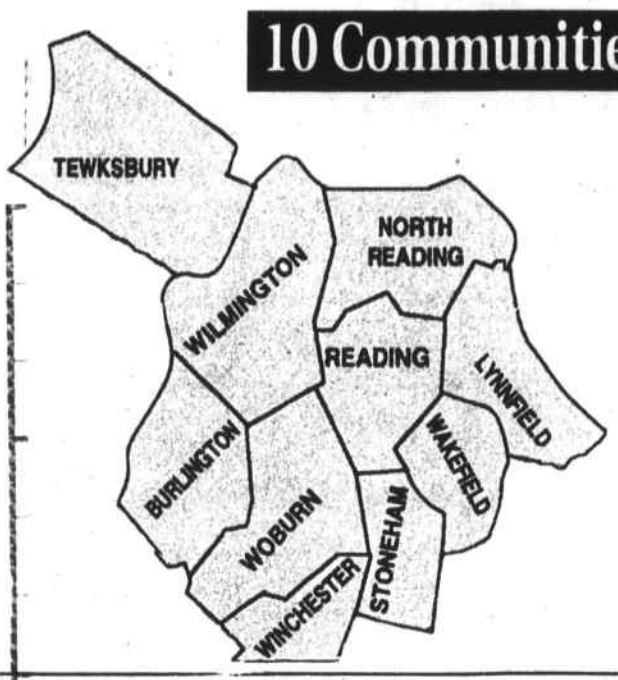

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BUSINESS

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- Pleasant demeanor in assisting general public.
- Working knowledge of business English, spelling, punctuation and mathematics.
- Ability to take direction.
- Good record keeping skills.
- No criminal history.

Full-time - 37.5 hours per week.
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Salary Range: $31,276/yr. (minimum)
$37,178/yr. (maximum)

Resume to: Betty Luciano, Human Resources
Town of Stoneham
35 Central Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

By: January 8, 2007

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Jeff 781-944-9622, ext. 234

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DIRECTOR OF ASSESSING

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Full-time:	35 hours per week
Salary range:	$52,491 minimum to $62,395 maximum Salary commensurate with experience
Resume to:	Town of Stoneham Board of Assessors 35 Central Street Stoneham, MA 02180
By:	Noon on Friday, January 5, 2007

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Dottye Vaccaro

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For all of your real estate needs Dottye may be reached at RE/MAX Top Achievers, Inc. at 100 Main Street, Reading or by phone at 781-944-6060 x 229.

Transfers from S-6

1 MILLBROOK LANE U:209 was sold to Denise Caprio by Renee Diskin for $325,000.

41 PITMAN AVENUE was sold to Ann and Damien Glynn by Michael and Margaret Kelly for $310,000.

53 SPRING STREET was sold to Southern NE Confe. Ass. Of by RYBO Inc. for $599,000.

50 TUTTLE STREET was sold to Francis McIsaac by Jeanne Phillips for $160,000.

10-12 VERNON STREET was sold to Shiv Dass by Vernon Street Rt. and Cheryl Joan Cresta Tr. for $350,000.

70 WEST PARK DRIVE was sold to Ernesto and Alexandra Bondikov by Deborah Diruzza and Virginia Netto for $445,000.

234 WATER STREET U:203 was sold to James Smith by Elmira Caprio for $225,000.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: $372,868

20 BALLARDVALE STREET was sold to Ira Thomas Pote by Robert Vinson for $375,000.

29 FREEPORT DRIVE was sold to Joan and Robert Farrell by John and Lucille Santorelli for $480,000.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: $694,450

7 CONANT ROAD U:46 was sold to Luis Del Castillo by Denis Levin for $442,500.

107 CROSS STREET U:D was sold to Ryan Thistle by 107 Cross Street Condo T. and Keith Trider for $257,000.

81 DUNSTER LANE was sold to Himanshu and Sneha Patel by Concetta and Robert Duval for $549,900.

61 EMERSON ROAD was sold to Kirstein and Stephen Rushmore by Paula and Peter Fenton for $1,600,000.

25 FAIRMOUNT STREET was sold to Leigh and Paul Ventura by Joseph Healey and Kristein Cloninger for $634,000.

37 POND STREET U:37 was sold to Ben Chen and Yuque Wang by Stephen and Susan Powers for $470,000.

39 POND STREET was sold to Chuan Wang and Soo Kim Wang by Stephen and Susan Powers for $460,000.

15 ROBINHOOD ROAD was sold to Andrew and Kim Schader by Francis Gordon and Ricahrd Matta for $925,000.

94 THORNBERRY ROAD was sold to James Sinclair T. and James Sinclair by 94 Thornberry Road Rt. and Rita Pal for $736,000.

379 WASHINGTON STREET was sold to Kenneth Thomas Ballard by Lucinda Morton for $476,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: $365,500

121 CAMBRIDGE ROAD U:F was sold to Christopher and Eric Hamel by Independence Realty LLC for $249,900.

59 ELM STREET was sold to Angela Black and Shawn Oreilly by Sanco Builders LLC for $402,900.

17 GROVE STREET was sold to Karen Burzycki by Warren Bambury for $290,000.

5 PARKER STREET was sold to Geethashree Sudarsanan and S. Dhakshinamoorthy by David and Helen Elby for $385,000.

95 WALTHAM STREET was sold to Scott Johnson and Mary Comeiro by Robert Fleming for $338,000.

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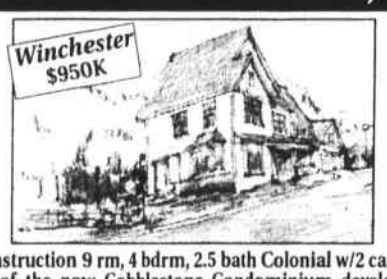

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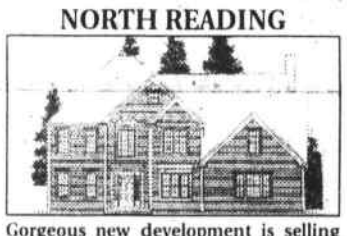

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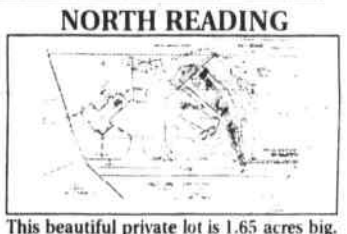

This beautiful private lot is 1.65 acres big. Electric conduit run, water and gas lines in, nothing left to do but dig. Septic design available. Looking for offers and just reduced to *$399,900*

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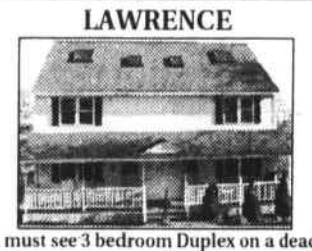

A must see 3 bedroom Duplex on a dead end street. Large eat in kitchen, central air, garage and so much more. Near 495 and 213 in North Lawrence. Nothing to do but move in. *$239,900*

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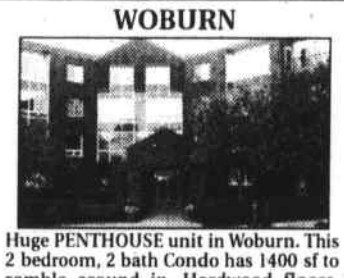

Huge PENTHOUSE unit in Woburn. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo has 1400 sf to ramble around in. Hardwood floors, master suite, fireplace, skylight, private deck, laundry in unit. Great value! *$344,900*

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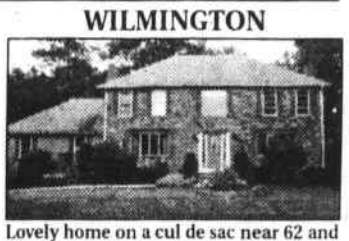

Lovely home on a cul de sac near 62 and 93. Perfect for commuters. This brick front Colonial has an inground pool, 2 car garage, 2.5 baths, fireplace, new cherry kitchen w/granite, new roof, new hardwood floors. Nothing to do but move in. *$669,900*

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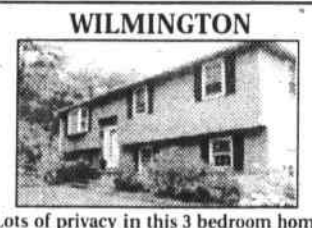

Lots of privacy in this 3 bedroom home on 1.13 acres. Large open kitchen with maple cabinets, ceramic tile throughout, hardwood stairs in foyer, bow window, large family room, deck, garage. Make an offer! *$389,900*

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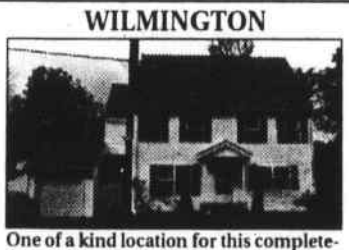

One of a kind location for this completely renovated Colonial. Convenient to the "T" (commuter rail), shopping & Rte 93. New addition, sun room, garage, heating system, central air & 18' high ceiling in the walk up attic. Lots of house for the money! *$459,900*

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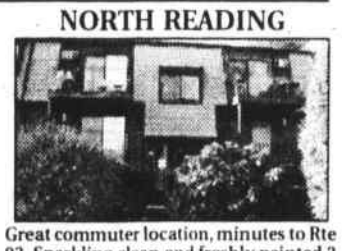

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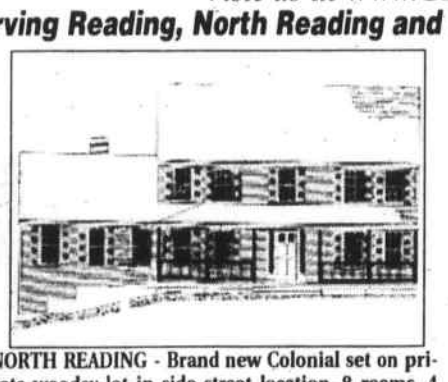
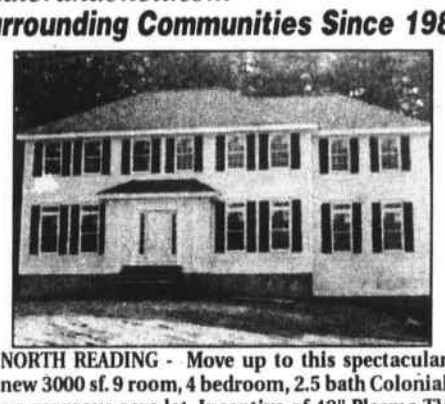


NORTH READING - Brand new Colonial set on private woodsy lot in side street location. 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage. Unbelievable find. *$599,900*



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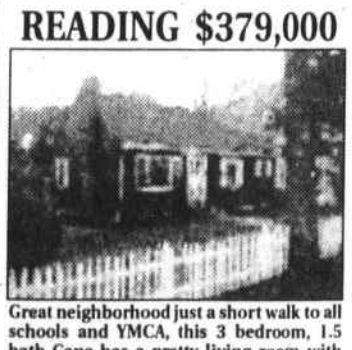

Great neighborhood just a short walk to all schools and YMCA, this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape has a pretty living room with built in bookcases and fireplace, lovely back yard. Ideal for first time buyer.

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7 room, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath Cape. Walk to Lake Quannapowitt from this quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood. Fireplaced living room, hardwood floors, kitchen overlooks step down family room w/French doors leading to beautiful above ground pool surrounded by wood deck.

READING $399,900

7 room, 4 bedroom, 2 bath Cape featuring new kitchen with granite countertops, tile and stainless steel appliances, new tile bath, refinished hardwood floors that sparkle and shine. Updated electrical and heating. Two zone heating, parking for 4+ cars, private wooded yard in great location.

WOBURN $468,800

Spacious 13 room Cape featuring 6 bedrooms, 3 full baths, two fireplaces, hardwood and ceramic tile floors as well as 3 zone heat. Second floor bedrooms have built-in dressers. Full in-law suite with full size windows, 2 bedrooms, kitchen & living room w/fireplace & small private patio. A Must See!!

READING $1,100,000

New 3500+ custom Colonial being built in Reading's finest location. Huge cherry kitchen, 25.0x25.0 fpld fam rm w/coffered ceiling, 1st fr office, great 2nd flr foyer w/media area, spacious bdrms, master bdrm w/lots of closet space & Jacuzzi bthrm. C/A, C/V, great flr plan, walk up 3rd level & walk out basement. Still time to select final touches.

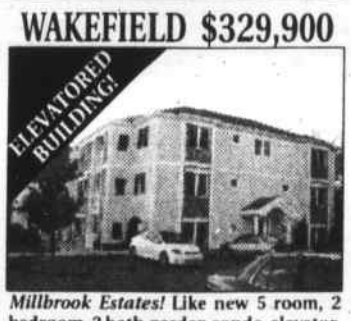
WAKEFIELD $569,900

Elegant 12 room, 4 bedroom New England Colonial with Victorian flair offers fireplaced family room, cherry kitchen w/new granite, formal dining room, mahogany color woodwork, sleeping porch, enclosed sun porch, fenced yard.

WAKEFIELD $879,500

Something Special!! 8 year young Custom built Colonial features stucco exterior, 2700+/- sq. ft. of living space, 8 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths total, one with a large jacuzzi tub, central air conditioning, front to back fireplaced living room, superb location.

WAKEFIELD $329,900



Millbrook Estates! Like new 5 room, 2 bedroom, 2 bath garden condo, elevator, 2 car parking, balcony, in-unit laundry.

WAKEFIELD $509,900

Need a Lot of Room for a Great Price? Completely updated and remodeled 10 room, 5 bedroom Colonial. Features 3.5 updated baths, 2 year old maple kitchen, granite countertops, fireplaced living room, central vac & A/C, luxurious master suite w/custom jacuzzi.

STONEHAM $529,900

Immaculate Condition! Spacious rooms & great location with this large 7 room, 4 bedroom Garrison Colonial featuring 2 full & 2 half baths, fireplaced living room, new countertops in updated kitchen, refinished gleaming hardwood floors, nice lot.

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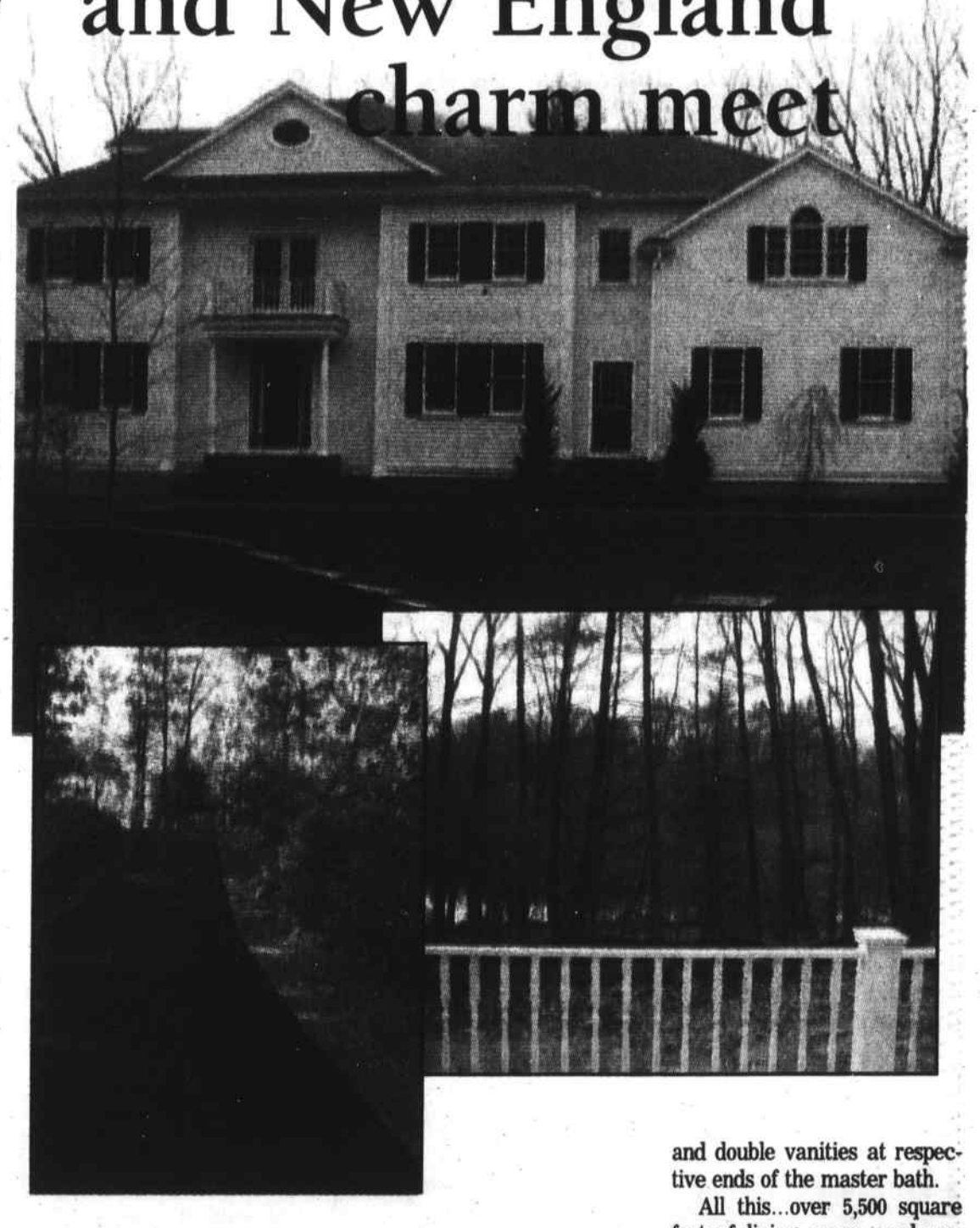

Buyers who have been waiting for open, elegant space can stop their search here. This property stands out among all the rest with its exquisite details. Here is where luxury and New England charm meet to bring you all the comforts of home. Be awestruck by the sense of privacy as you travel the long, winding drive and watch the home emerge from the woods. Enter the stunning two-story foyer with bridal staircase, the dining room and study flanking your left and right. As you walk through the entry-way along the red-oak floors lined with Brazilian inlays, the family room (22 x 17) will greet you with a warm fire, built-in book shelves and windows that bring the outside in. The open and airy ambience of this home beckons you into the extraordinary kitchen, complete with large breakfast area and French doors that lead to a large open-air deck, and connect to a lovely three-season porch (16 x 12). Overnight guests will certainly appreciate their private quarters and full bath on the first floor (conveniently located in the home's left wing). You may also extend your hospitality by entertaining in the spacious second floor game room (36 X 23), complete with its own entryway and plumbed for a wet bar.

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